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Mega-agency is planned to boost the British film industry



BY RAYMOND SNODDY
MEDIA EDITOR

The Government is planning to introduce a new agency to boost the British film industry, a powerful new body that would initially receive all Government and National Lottery finance for films.

The controversial plan, which could bring together the British Film Institute, British Screen, the Film Commission and the film-funding role of the Arts Council, will be spelled out by Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sports Secretary on Friday.

The plan to reduce the number of

quangos supporting the industry is part of an implicit deal with the Treasury, that economies and greater efficiency are required to justify increased funding.

Last week the Department of Culture, Media and Sport announced that it would receive an extra £290 million over three years. The details of how that will be allocated will also be disclosed on Friday.

The announcement of the Government's intentions is likely to spark a battle among film bodies for dominance and to decide which would face the brunt of any job losses. Although the main opportunity for rationalising funding bodies is believed to lie in the film industry, the Government will be looking to see whether the number of bodies handling funds for the arts and tourism can also be reduced.

Last week the Culture and Media department made it clear that policy delivery had to be streamlined. "The proportion of funding used in bureaucracy will be reduced with the goal of focusing support for each sector through a single clearly defined body," the department said.

The Government will announce a consultation period to decide the best structure for a British Film Agency and emphasises that it will

be looking for ways of retaining the entrepreneurial spirit of the smaller organisations while cutting bureaucracy.

Gerry Robinson, the Granada executive who is chairman of the Arts Council, is believed to be annoyed at the prospect that the council will lose its film financing role so soon after it was used to funnel Lottery money to three film consortia.

The Government will also be keen to hear from the film industry what the agency's relationship should be with the All Industry Film Fund recommended by the Film Review Action Group. The All Industry

group was designed to attract contributions from those who benefit from the film industry, such as broadcasters and cinema exhibitors.

There is a view that if the money from the fund goes straight to a single British film agency, it will seem like a tax and contributors might feel they have no say over how their contributions are spent.

One possibility is that the All Industry fund might have a "semi-detached" relationship with the agency.

The BFI, under the chairmanship of Alan Parker, the producer and director, has yet to take a formal decision on the proposed agency but

it is likely to be sympathetic.

The Friday announcement will complete a busy week for Mr Smith ahead of an expected government reshuffle. Yesterday he published a Green Paper, *Regulations Communications - Approaching Convergence in the Information Age*, which suggested that the present regulatory framework for the communications industry was flexible enough to cope with expected rates of change - at least for now.

One hundred British productions and co-productions were made in 1997 together with 12 foreign films shot mainly in Britain with a total production cost of £560 million.

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Lockerbie trial may be held in Holland

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND GILLIAN HARRIS

SCOTTISH judges would travel to The Hague to conduct the trial of the two Libyans accused of killing 270 people in the Lockerbie bombing under an agreement to be announced shortly between Britain and America.

After months of delicate talks, Robin Cook and Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State, are poised to declare a breakthrough in the 10-year battle to bring the alleged perpetrators of Britain's worst terrorist attack to justice.

It would, however, amount to a U-turn by both Governments, which have until now been adamant that the trial should take place in either country but not outside. That is why Britain is insisting on a panel of Scottish judges and elements of Scottish legal procedure for the trial, although there would be no jury.

Talks were proceeding last night with the Dutch authorities on the practicalities of convening a Scottish court in The Hague, and it was clear that problems remain to be resolved. But relatives of the British victims expressed delight at the development.

Relatives of American victims were less certain after being given a briefing in a conference call from Mrs Albright and Sandy Berger, the National Security Adviser, who told them that the Governments wanted to explore alternatives because UN sanctions had not persuaded Libya to hand over the two suspects, Rosemary Wolf, the rela-

tives' spokeswoman, said: "Many of us feel that this is a betrayal. It won't bring justice any closer. Some thought it might be a good idea, others believed it was bound to fail."

But in Scotland Dr Swire said: "I think I am justified in feeling euphoric about it. We have long accepted that a neutral country will provide a fair trial. But I have just one note of caution. I see enormous potential for delay and difficulty if the West tries to impose any additional conditions on the Libyans."

The move to go for a third country is clearly an attempt to regain the initiative as it becomes apparent that attempts to isolate Libya through sanctions are failing. Colonel Gaddafi has indicated that he would accept a court in The Netherlands using Scottish procedures, and Britain and America have decided to put him on the spot.

The two suspects - Abdel Basset al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah - were indicted in both Scotland and America in 1991 for planting the bomb that blew up the airliner over Lockerbie, killing all 259 people on board and 11 others on the ground.

The form of the trial has been the most difficult aspect of recent discussions. The British Government will appoint the judges, including a senior figure to preside over them. Lord Cullen, who chaired the inquiry into the Piper Alpha disaster, would be a leading candidate for the job.



Louise Sullivan outside court. New medical evidence led to the revised charge

Australian nanny faces new charge of murder

BY STEPHEN FARRELL

AN AUSTRALIAN nanny was yesterday charged with murdering a six-month-old girl who died from head injuries allegedly inflicted while in her care.

Louise Sullivan, 26, was committed to the Old Bailey where she will appear in September accused of killing Caroline Jorgen at her parents' home in Cricklewood, Northwest London, in April.

Miss Sullivan, from Sydney, appeared briefly at Clerkenwell Magistrates' Court in London yesterday where the prosecution dropped an earlier charge of grievous bodily harm and replaced it with murder.

Wearing a pale blue jacket and skirt she said nothing during the ten-minute hearing as Michael Johnstone, the stipendiary magistrate, heard that the revised charge arose from new medical evidence about Caroline's injuries. She was pronounced dead at Great Ormond Street Hospital after four days on a life-support system.

Hugh Sheppard, for the prosecution, told the court: "The charge is as a result of further medical evidence which shows in effect that the injuries suffered by the child were non-accidental, that it was severe brain damage caused most probably by the shaking of the child."

The child's parents, Dutch investment banker Marcel Jorgen and his French wife Muriel, were not in court but Miss Sullivan's mother, Robyn, who has flown over from Australia, sat beside the dock as her daughter was granted bail until September 1.

After a request from the prosecution Mr Johnstone imposed a new condition of bail that Miss Sullivan should not seek work involving any child under the age of 16. Other conditions include a surety of £2,500 and undertakings to live at a secret address, not to apply for any travel documents and not to contact any previous employers.

Carey says gay consent at 16 is 'grave error'

BY POLLY NEWTON AND RUTH GLEDHILL

THE Archbishop of Canterbury gives a warning today that lowering the age of consent for homosexuals is morally unhealthy.

Writing in *The Times* ahead of tonight's Lords vote on whether to reverse the Commons decision to allow gay sex at 16, Dr George Carey says that Parliament will commit a "grave error" unless it accompanies the change with stronger safeguards against child abuse.

With tonight's outcome uncertain, Dr Carey says the prospect of a reduction from 18 to 16 has caused "widespread concern".

MPs backed the move last month by 336 to 129, but a cross-party coalition of peers is seeking to reverse that decision. It could be the latest, and potentially most explosive, confrontation between the two Houses.

Dr Carey says that he remains opposed to a lowering of the homosexual age of consent. But, he says, if it happens, the legislation that will introduce the change must be amended to recognise the potential impact on boys who are most at risk of abuse.

Otherwise, "it will fail adequately to protect vulnerable young people, and Parliament will have committed a grave error".

He says that bishops may be among those voting against this evening, although he himself will be otherwise engaged in his role as host of the Lambeth Conference. "They will look for satisfactory indications from the Government that the concerns we have expressed are being addressed and they will then - according to their individual consciences and acting on their own responsibility - decide how to vote."

The Government has already set up a working party to examine the rules which protect young people from adults with a duty of care towards them. Ministers promised the review when the Commons was debating the gay age of consent, amid fears that MPs would back what the Home Office regarded as an unworkable amendment banning sex between anyone

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Zoo purrs over its monster video

BY ALAN HAMILTON

FOR several years the West Country has been in a catnap over the supposed presence of a monster in its midst. What frightful creature lurked on the moors waiting to savage sheep, snatch babes from their pushchairs, and leap from the mist to strike terror into the hearts of lone travellers?

New evidence released yesterday suggests that Godzilla may not have come to Cornwall after all. Indeed, the feared Beast of Bodmin may prove - as has long been suspected - to be nothing more threatening than a big black pussycat.

This, however, is not Tiddles: this is Goldeneyes. But as Cornwall's answer to the Loch Ness Monster, he is still at best a major disappointment.

Video pictures taken during a five-month operation by Newquay Zoo are nevertheless being claimed by zoo staff as compelling evidence that the European wildcat, thought



Mog coming home for tea - or the Beast of Bodmin?

to have been extinct in England since 1870, is still roaming the countryside.

The zoo team estimates that the cat's head is 20 inches from the ground and that its body is 3 feet 6 inches long, with a tail of between 13 and 16 inches. Experts have also analysed its pawprints - from a safe distance - and its droppings.

Mike Thomas, the zoo owner, said yesterday: "We think we are dealing with a very interesting species not previously identified. It is too small for a puma or panther, but the

film and pawprints show it is much bigger than a domestic cat. You can see the power in its body; it is very broad and muscular, and its every movement gives the impression of a hunting machine."

According to Mr Thomas, the beast has some features of a wildcat, including striking golden eyes, a sheen to its fur, and a long tail curled at the end. Its droppings were left exposed on a stone: domestic cats bury their droppings, but their wild cousins leave them as a warning to rivals.



Plan for pubs to open all day

Pubs in towns and cities could open all day under plans put forward by the Government's Better Regulation Task Force. Its proposals also include the creation of a new grade of "family" cafe in which teenagers under 18 would be allowed to drink wine or beer. The call to scrap Britain's antiquated licensing laws was the unanimous view of the task force led by Chris Haskins, chairman of Northern Foods. Page 10

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Press-ups test barred woman PC from dogs

A POLICEWOMAN'S ambition to become a dog handler was thwarted when she failed to do 23 press-ups in a fitness test that discriminated against women, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Michelle Thomas, 31, was required to do the same physical test as male officers to qualify as a trainee dog handler. She passed two sections, lifting an 80lb weight over her head to show her ability to carry a dog, and a speed and agility test that involved running between cone markers. However, she managed only nine of the required press-ups and failed a test of endurance speed running.

Miss Thomas was among eight women who failed out of nine who took the Metropolitan Police test in 1996, when it was used for the first time. She said the majority of male officers passed with "flying colours" but added that it was almost impossible for women.

"It is a well known fact that men have greater upper body strength than women. Any woman would have found it difficult," she told the hearing in Norwich. "I was disappointed. I knew I had failed the test before I was given the results. I didn't think the test was fair."

The officer, from Hornchurch in Essex, a member of the Metropolitan Police for eight years, is claiming she is a victim of "indirect sexual discrimination". The Police Federation is supporting her bid for compensation for her "injured feelings" in being kept away from her dream job.

Miss Thomas said she had always had "a long-term ambition" to be a dog handler. The opportunity to become one arose when the Metropolitan Police started recruiting

Tribunal told ambition was thwarted by unfair physical trial, reports Joanna Bale

new handlers for the first time in years. Previously, serving officers transferring to a dog section did not have to do a physical test and were judged solely on their ability to do the job, the hearing was told.

In a second attempt at the test, Miss Thomas, a PC based in Leytonstone, managed only seven press-ups, barring her from continuing with her application to become a dog handler. "Just because you cannot do 23 press-ups does not mean you cannot control a dog," she said.

The tribunal was told that out of 254 dog handlers in the Metropolitan Police, seven were women and most of those were recruited before the test

was introduced. The test was suspended in June 1996 after Miss Thomas and other women complained it was too tough, the tribunal was told. It has since been revised, so that it no longer includes weight lifting and requires fewer press-ups, although only 38 per cent of women compared to 100 per cent of men were now able to pass, the hearing was told.

Peter Wallington, counsel for the Metropolitan Police, said physical strength was needed to control a dog and Miss Thomas was overweight and not fit enough. He said that at 5ft 5in, Miss Thomas's recommended healthy weight was about nine or ten stone, not the 12 stone 5lb she weighed.

"I don't want to put it in personal terms, but would you accept that in 1996 you were significantly overweight?", he asked her. Miss Thomas agreed. She also agreed that an officer who was not strong enough to handle a dog correctly would put herself and members of the public at greater risk.

Aubrey Gunn, a retired inspector in the Metropolitan Police dog section who gave evidence on her behalf, said in his experience dog handlers did not need to be as fit as normal officers. "The beauty of dogs is that they do most of the work," he said.

An athletics coach, Gary Palmer, of Chessington, Surrey, said the press-up test taken by Miss Thomas was biased against women because they had a higher proportion of body fat, even if they were the same height, weight and arm length as their male counterparts.

The hearing continues today.



Thomas agreed that she was overweight



Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, who will be celebrating her 98th birthday next month, attending a garden party yesterday at Buckingham Palace

Pensioner dies after beating from robbers

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A PENSIONER died after three masked robbers forced their way into his home and beat him to the floor.

Detectives have still to determine the exact cause of the death of John Nutter, a widower. The results of a post-mortem examination were inconclusive.

Detective Superintendent Stuart Hyde, who is leading the investigation, said: "There is no doubt in our minds that Mr Nutter collapsed and died as a result of his injuries and the shock he suffered at the hands of these assailants."

Mr Nutter, 68, was attacked on Monday evening after his sister-in-law, Mary Skilton, answered the door at the large detached bungalow they shared in Pudsey, Leeds. Mrs Skilton, 56, a widow, was sprayed with a noxious substance and pushed violently aside. Her head struck the wall, causing a deep gash.

The raiders ran into the living room where they confronted Mr Nutter and demanded to know where the couple kept their valuables. They began raining blows on Mr Nutter, who was 6ft tall and weighed about 18 stone, and he was beaten to the floor. They then ransacked the building before escaping with gold, jewellery and a watch.

Mrs Skilton followed them to the front door where she saw the gang get into a dark-coloured saloon car which drove off at speed. She ran to a neighbour's house to raise the alarm.

Mr Hyde said: "Mrs Skilton was severely traumatised by the incident. She is extremely distressed. So far she has been unable to tell us much about the attack but specially trained officers are waiting to question her."

Mr Nutter, a former cattle auctioneer, was declared at the scene of the attack. Mrs Skilton received several stitches to her head wound and was treated for shock at Leeds General Infirmary. She left early yesterday morning and was being comforted by relatives.

Neighbours described her and Mr Nutter as a friendly and kind couple. Mrs Skilton is known for the geese and chickens she keeps in the half-acre garden. She once owned a goat which she took for walks.

"John was a huge fellow and he was quite fit," a neighbour said. "He'd go out of his way to say hello and both of them liked to come out for a chat if they saw you."

One neighbour said that the area's well-to-do appearance and the large population of pensioners made it a popular target for burglars. "This is a very nice, quiet residential area with a lot of elderly people living here," he said. "When this sort of thing happens it makes you realise how vulnerable we all are."

Bentley's statement 'contrived by police'

BY ADRIAN LEE

A STATEMENT by Derek Bentley that helped to send him to the gallows was contrived by police, a linguistics expert told the Court of Appeal yesterday.

Although Bentley was illiterate, his account of the shooting of PC Sidney Miles was grammatical. It was also riddled with "police speak", typical of reports written by officers, Professor Richard Coulthard, a linguistics and phonetics specialist, said.

The statement played a crucial part in convicting Bentley 45 years ago. The Old Bailey jury was told in 1953 that it was his verbatim description of events on the roof of a South London warehouse which culminated in the shooting of the constable by Christopher Craig, Bentley's accomplice.

The court was told that Bentley had been asked to write: "This statement has been read to me and is true." He could manage only to scrawl: "tis as B".

The statement included the crucial line, "I didn't know he was going to use the gun". It was argued at the trial that the use of the word *the*, before *gun*, showed Bentley knew in advance that Mr Craig was carrying a weapon. That knowledge was used to implicate Bentley in the murder.

The appeal continues.

Lawyers for Bentley, who are seeking to quash his conviction, said yesterday they did not intend to call Mr Craig, now 61, to give evidence.

Judge watches hypnotist's sex show on video

BY DEBORAH COLLICUTT

A HIGH Court judge went home last night to watch an American television show featuring a woman having an orgasm under hypnosis and a man who was persuaded by the hypnotist, Paul McKenna, that he was pregnant.

Mr Justice Toulson agreed to watch the hour-long video, despite his reservations on whether it was relevant to the damages action being brought against Mr McKenna by Christopher Gates who claims that his schizophrenia was triggered by taking part in a British stage show by the hypnotist.

The video is of a Howard Stern Show broadcast in March. The judge was told by Anthony Scrivener, QC, who represents Mr Gates: "It shows he is using inappropriate acts which put participants under extreme stress, and he's still doing it now."

Mr Gates, 30, of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, is claiming £250,000 in damages for mental illness which he claims he suffered from participating in Mr McKenna's show in 1994. Mr Scrivener said: "My case is that the defendant does not act in a responsible way as far as hypnosis is concerned."

Mr Scrivener alleged that Mr McKenna, who faced five hours of cross-examination, was not qualified to cope with subjects who became distressed when being hypno-

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Boy taken into care amid health alert over woman

BY JOANNA BALE

THE mother of a 14-year-old boy said yesterday that he became a drug addict after an affair with the woman at the centre of a town's Hepatitis B scare.

The boy was taken into care in Plymouth to keep him away from the 20-year-old heroin addict who is said to have entertained dozens of schoolboys at her home in Paignton, Devon.

Paignton Community College was alerted by health officials and a letter was sent to the parents of 700 pupils aged 14-16 on Friday, warning them that some youngsters may have been infected with Hepatitis B by the woman.

The mother said: "It all started just after his 14th birthday when he began going to her house. I got to the stage where he was not coming back at night. I had to call the police to go and fetch him. I could not believe what was going on. In the end he was taken into care for his own protection."

It was then that she learned that he had become addicted to heroin and may now be infected with hepatitis B. She added: "They are awaiting the results of a blood test. I am very angry at what she has done to my son and to our family."

The woman at the centre of the scare moved out of her home on the Foxhole estate after the birth of her second child, who has been taken into care. Her daughter aged 5 is being looked after by her father.

Friends of the woman say she entertained 15 schoolboys at a time in her semi-detached house. A 19-year-old girl who shared a house with her in nearby Queen Elizabeth Drive for five weeks said that she was extremely promiscuous. Hundreds of anxious parents have called a helpline.

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Jerusalem bishop walks out of an 'offensive' play

Ruth Gledhill on threat to quit Lambeth Conference

THE Bishop of Jerusalem threatened to return home from the Lambeth Conference gathering of bishops yesterday after he walked out of a play he described as deeply offensive to Christians in the Holy Land.



Bishop El-Assal: play referred to West Bank

The Right Rev Riah Abu El-Assal only decided to remain with the other 800 bishops at Canterbury after he was taken to one side by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, who apologised and prayed with him to calm him down. Dr Carey said: "He was very, very angry. I said sorry to him, and said we did not mean it. No offence was intended."

West Bank, where Palestinians live and which Israel took from Jordan in the Six-Day War in 1967, is referred to as "Judaea and Samaria" by right-wing Israelis who claim the area as part of their own country.

Paul Burbridge, director of the play, and who wrote the relevant passage, said: "I was just using it as one of those difficult passages from the Old Testament where the image is of unity." "I did not want to talk about Israel today. We were talking about unity in the church world. I had no idea that the West Bank is known by some people as Judaea." "Obviously that was naive, and we should have been aware of the possible spin on what we were doing. Our focus was not a political one."



A scene from Wrestling with Angels, the play which angered the bishop

that. He felt it was deliberately done. People such as him can feel very frustrated, because they feel the Western world is dominating the conference with a Western agenda. Bishop Riah is a very good friend of mine. He is the kind of

Christian who shows his emotions." Bishop El-Assal, former vicar of Nazareth, is an Israeli citizen and once stood for the Knesset as a candidate for the Progressive List for Peace, a political party with Jewish,

Christian and Muslim members. The issue of Christianity in the Middle East is to be discussed in closed sessions at the conference, but is not as yet the subject of an open, plenary session.

Carey tells clergy to give congregations Hell

BY OUR RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

PREACHERS must proclaim the end of the world and the reality of Heaven and Hell, says the Archbishop of Canterbury. But he adds that the message will be good news, not gloom and doom.

age of Jesus," he says. In a book launched at the Lambeth Conference yesterday, Dr Carey says science has proved that the universe must end — "in either bang or whimper". He urges Christians not to "succumb to the seduction of dark unbelief". Beyond the four "last things" of death, judgment, Heaven and Hell, there is no doubt that Christ will return to establish "his Kingdom of love, light and justice".

Dr Carey has written Canterbury Letters to the Future, his thirteenth book, in the form of letters to a future generation. He tells his grandchildren and other youngsters what they might need to know about Christianity as they grow up in the next millennium. His style of writing shows a level of evangelical belief in sharp contrast to the liberalism of many bishops in recent decades.

Dr Carey says the many doom scenarios predicting the end of the world by collision with a comet, by war or by environmental catastrophe have resulted in a loss of confidence in the Church. "And such loss of confidence has inevitably led

to unsure and tentative preaching and teaching. Indeed eschatology, that doctrine of hope which names the last things, is among the most neglected themes of Christian preaching in the West today." This has led to a failure to address contemporary spiritual wounds and hunger. Dr Carey describes the first time he saw a dead person, when he called on a family to make funeral arrangements. "To this day, I remember the sense of shock and disbelief as I saw the hollow, grey, wizened shell where once had lived a

dear and loving person." He writes about being judged by God after death and about Hell. "Scripture is very clear about its reality. It must not be understated, trivialised or ignored", he says, arguing that Hell constitutes a wilfully chosen separation from God. Dr Carey, who has been working on the book for ten years, gives a warning of "direct and appalling results" if more care is not given to the environment.

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Families flee estate where brothers died

BY MARTIN FLETCHER, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AN EIGHTH of the families living on the predominantly loyalist estate where the three Quinn brothers were burnt alive have formally applied to be moved.



Gilmour: remanded to the Maze prison

Ballymoney's Carnary estate holds almost 200 families. Northern Ireland's Housing Executive has received 23 applications for rehousing. Residents say that applications had come from Catholics frightened for their lives, from mixed couples terrified of retribution for breaking a tribal taboo, and even from Protestants fearful of IRA reprisals or no longer able to bear to live in such a place.

Man denies Ulster fire murders

Thomas Gilmour, 23, appeared in court charged with murdering Jason Mark and Richard Quinn, the brothers who died in an arson attack on their home in Ballymoney, Co Antrim, on July 12. A police officer told Belfast Magistrates' Court that Mr Gilmour, a salesman from Ballymoney, denied the charge, denied being a member of any illegal organisation and had no criminal record. He was remanded in custody to the Maze prison until August 12.

Boarded-up homes now defile every street on an estate that the housing executive had been making great efforts to refurbish. "People are moving out; people you have known all your life, and not saying where they're going. It's going to end up a ghost town," lamented one woman whose Protestant son and his Catholic partner were leaving after receiving a warning from the paramilitary Ulster Volunteer Force.

buy. The rest pay £46 in rent. It has now become the latest and most potent symbol of the hatred that bedevils the Province. Mrs O'Loughlin, who works in a poultry processing plant, said that many of her Protestant neighbours had removed their July 12 flags and bunting after the deaths. They had begged her to stay. "Ireland is a beautiful, beautiful country, but some people are just ruining it," she said. "They should put them on an island to fight it out and let the rest of us live in peace." The Quinn house is destined for demolition, along with those on either side, and the land is likely to be turned into a playground as a memorial.

Coffee perks up the brain

DRINKING coffee or tea regularly can boost attention, accuracy and alertness, researchers said yesterday.

Four cups of coffee or tea — with the normal 65mg dose of caffeine — drunk over a day were found to have the same effect as a single 200mg caffeine injection. In both cases,

human performance improved, according to the study at Bristol University. The research on male students was presented to the Psychology Postgraduate Affairs Group annual conference in Derby by Carolyn Brice and Andrew Smith. Previous research has centred

NEWS IN BRIEF

Guards caught in drug test

Three Coldstream Guards and a Grenadier Guard are likely to be discharged from the Army after testing positive in a random drug check on the 600 troops at their barracks in Windsor, Berkshire. The Victoria barracks was sealed off during the tests. A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said no other soldiers tested positive, and added: "The Army has a policy of zero tolerance towards drugs."

Cruelty charge

Phyllis Colgan, 51, a dog breeder from Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, and her son-in-law Duncan Elliott have been charged with permitting unnecessary suffering after ten Newfoundlands died from heatstroke in a van.

Catapult risk

Eye surgeons have been alerted to a catapult made from rubber gloves or condoms, that can fire dried peas at up to 130 mph. Known as a Johnny popper, the British Journal of Ophthalmology reports serious injury to two victims.

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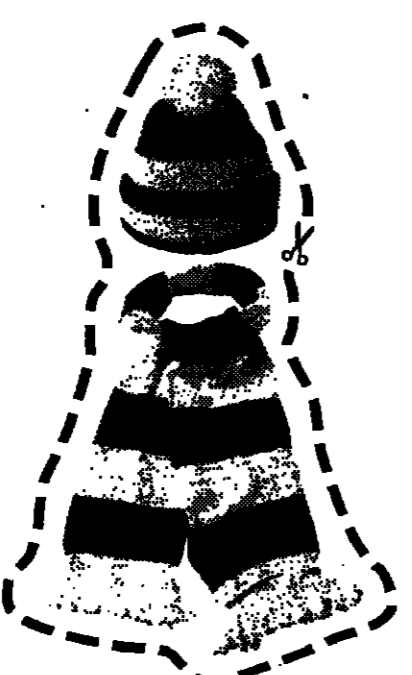
A Marks & Spencer shelf stacker sacked from the branch in Walworth Road, South London, for eating a grape that was to be thrown away has been given his job back. Sylvester Boyne, 43, will work at the nearby branch in Lewisham.

Shooting inquiry

The army pensions agency may be subpoenaed by the Bloody Sunday Inquiry to trace 20 soldiers who were near where 14 civilians were shot dead by troops in Londonderry in 1972, the preliminary hearing was told.

Head start

A new national charity, the Bicycle Helmet Initiative Trust, aims to increase helmet-wearing from 18 to 40 per cent in two years. About 30,000 children a year need treatment for head injuries caused in cycle accidents.



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Twins research blames genes for slow learners

SCIENTISTS are within two years of discovering a gene that will identify slow learners from birth, making it possible to give them help before they start school. The same genes could be responsible for behaviour problems.

Proof that nature is more important than nurture in early development of language comes from a study of more than 3,400 pairs of two-year-old twins, the largest number ever examined. Robert Plomin, of the Institute of Psychiatry in London, who co-ordinated the research, said yesterday that the findings show hereditary factors rather than environment were responsible for a child's ability to speak.

"Language problems are the biggest worry parents have about their children and if you can identify some of the genes responsible for causing them, they will give you a window to view the brain, understand behaviour patterns and the basic biological processes concerned," he said. "We could well find that things like aggression and tearful behav-

Early clue to language difficulties means children could be given pre-school help, writes Ian Murray

our are all interrelated with slow learning."

The research, reported in yesterday's edition of *Nature Neuroscience*, was based on questionnaires sent to the parents of almost every pair of twins born in England and Wales during 1994. The Twins Early Development Study is examining three aspects of a young child's development: language development, intelligence and behaviour.

Almost half the 7,756 families took part in the test for language development. The 3,009 pairs included 1,044 identical twins, 1,006 non-identical twins of the same sex, and 989 non-identical twins of different sexes. The researchers wanted to find out if the identical twins, because they were naturally cloned, were developing in a similar way and if the non-identical twins

were growing up at a different rate.

The parents were sent a questionnaire shortly before their twins' second birthday and asked to identify those words from a list of 100 which their children could understand and say. The test was carried out at that stage because although most children rapidly acquire a vocabulary from 18 months and begin to use word combinations at about 20 months, twins are normally about three and a half months behind single children.

The 100 words were not those such as *mummy* or *daddy* that almost every child could be expected to understand, but included *dog*, *game*, *ear*, *gentle*, *all*, *this* and *if*, which give a clearer indication of the extent of a child's vocabulary. The tests showed

that on average the children understood 48 of the words, although some understood them all and some none.

The researchers picked out the 5 per cent of children with the smallest vocabulary. They found that if one identical twin was in the group, there was an 80 per cent chance that the other twin was in it too. But if non-identical twins were slow learners, only 40 per cent of their fellow twins were.

"This shows very clearly that there is a strong genetic influence involved," Mr Plomin said. "At the higher end of the scale, other factors, especially the environment, are important."

But at the lower end of the scale, among the slow learners, it is perfectly obvious that the genetic influence is dominant.

"Identifying these children at an early age can help us to give them extra help early. Otherwise when they go on to school they are always behind in their studies, and this can lead to frustrations and behaviour problems."



Guy Watson claimed that his organic sweetcorn could be cross-pollinated from the genetically modified crop nearby

Organic farmer loses crop fight

By MARK HENDERSON

A LEADING organic farmer yesterday lost a Court of Appeal action to stop trials of genetically modified sweetcorn on land next to his farm.

Three judges ruled unanimously that they had no authority to order the destruction of the modified crop, despite finding that the Government had disregarded seed trial laws when approving the experiment at the National Institute of Agricultural Botany's site in Hood Barton, Devon. Lord Justice Simon Brown, sitting with Lord Justice Judge and Lord Justice Buxton, found that regulations requiring two preliminary tests before a modified seed was approved for trial had been systematically broken since 1995. Although the Hood Barton trial was thus illegal, it could not be destroyed as it posed no significant risk to the environment, health or safety.

Guy Watson, who has for 15 years grown organic sweetcorn on his farm, had argued that the altered crop could cross-pollinate with his and

jeopardise accreditation from the Soil Association. The Court of Appeal upheld the danger of cross-pollination was "likely to be zero".

The ruling will affect similar trials around Britain, many of which were also approved in breach of the regulations. Friends of the Earth said that the judgment could set back the development of genetically-modified crops in Britain by as much as two years. The group suggested that as many as 163 projects would have to be reassessed, and the Government may have to legislate retrospectively to make the trials legal.



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Tests confirm 'two hits' cancer theory

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

EXPOSURE to radiation can increase the risk of cancer in the next generation but a second trigger is needed to make the disease develop, scientists have discovered.

In experiments for the Cancer Research Campaign (CRC), mice were given a minute dose of radiation which was insufficient to cause them apparent harm but did alter their sperm. Their litters were healthy but when the offspring were given a chemical known to cause cancer, they were twice as likely to develop leukaemia as those whose fathers had not been irradiated.

"We were not expecting this," Brian Lord, an expert on the effects of plutonium who led the research at the Paterson Institute in Manchester, said. "It shows how DNA defects can be passed from generation to generation." He

said that the findings did not explain clusters of leukaemia cases. Other research by the CRC suggests that this is more likely to be caused by an infection which triggers the disease in those with a predisposition to it.

Dr Lord said that the damage to the DNA in the bone marrow of the mice was only temporary because the doses of radiation were so small, and so only sperm produced over a limited period were affected. A man's sperm should be safe two months after being exposed to a comparable dose of radiation.

Gordon McVie, director-general of the CRC, said: "This is the first demonstration of the idea that two 'hits' are needed to cause the disease. You need to get it from something other than a genetic predisposition spanning two generations."

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Come on up, says ITV as it drops gameshow label

Carol Midgley on the network's move upmarket with an autumn schedule to attract middle-class viewers

ITV introduced its drive to win over the middle classes yesterday with an autumn season leaning on drama and factual programmes, and a promise to shed its gameshow image. A more futuristic ITV logo — the first for ten years — has been commissioned and an autumn radio and poster advertising campaign is planned. David Liddiment, director of programmes, said ITV had to move in line with the changing demography of Britain and away from its ageing, working-class image. By 2003, he said, half the country would be ABC viewers — the professional and managerial middle classes.

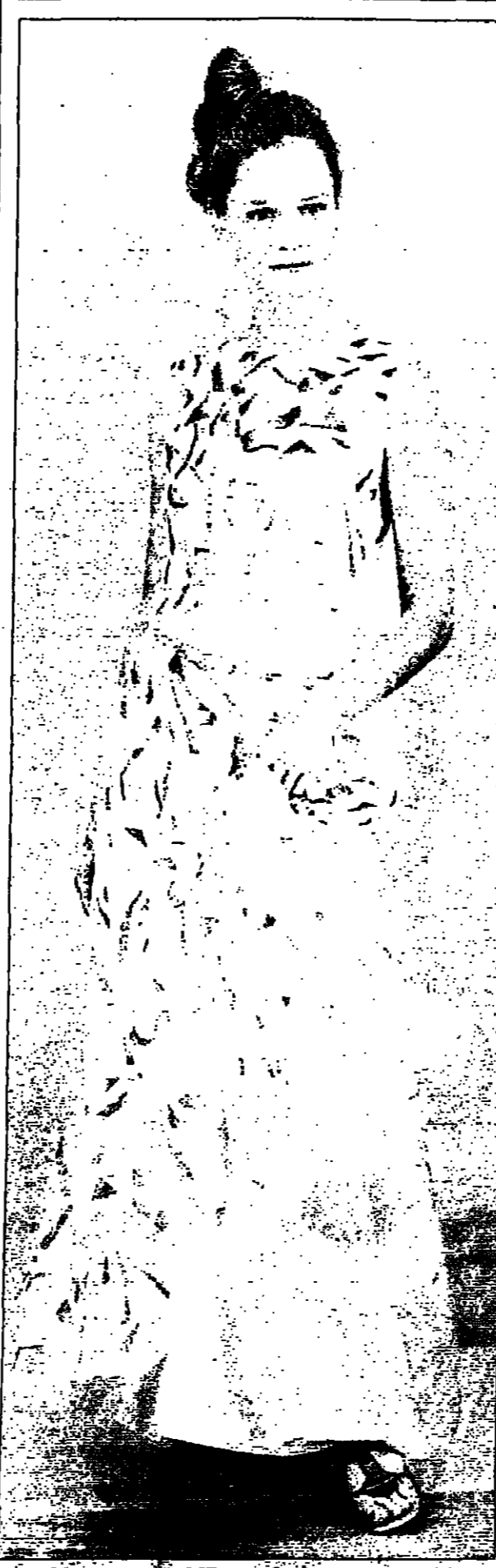
The main features of the autumn schedule are John Mortimer's adaptation of Laurie Lee's *Cider With Rosie*, starring Juliet Stevenson, an adaptation of C.S. Forester's *Hornblower* books, and a series based on Bill Bryson's best-selling book about the idiosyncrasies of Britain, *Notes From A Small Island*. The network is also working on a film based on the Stephen Lawrence murder. Another of its dramas, *A Life For A Life*, will focus on the wrongful life imprisonment of Stefan Kizko for murder in 1976.

ITV has not moved completely away, however, from its traditional content. Many of its new factual programmes are based on sex, including *Vice: The Sex Trade*, a series about prostitution, *Sun, Sex and Surf*, on the lives of surfers in Newquay, and *Top Boys*, about women in their forties and fifties seeking younger lovers. Mr Liddiment said: "At the moment we are older and more downmarket than Britain in general. Everyone thinks of ABCs as having a big house, a Jag in the drive and (membership of) a country club but that is not true. The label applies to almost the majority of Britain now. We are projecting to an audience a bit younger, a bit more upmarket but without sacrificing our broad appeal."

He denied that ITV's new gameshow, *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*, hosted by Chris Tarrant and offering a potential £1 million prize jackpot, was appealing to the lowest common denominator. All people, whatever their social status, were driven by the desire to be rich, he said. "The idea that by having this show we are appealing to the worst in people is rubbish. Some people are being a little bit po-faced about it in my view. People talk about dumbing down and it's very misleading. It's an old idea that there's this underclass that television, left to its own devices, will go scurrying after."

Mr Liddiment added that ITV was looking for loyalty. "Our key proposition is the mass audience. We're not a niche channel."

The new logo is being designed by English and Pockett, the company which designed the current logo in 1988, with the aim of "re-establishing the identity of Channel 3". When Mr Liddiment took over at ITV last year he pledged to advertisers that he would halt its decline and shed its reputation for tacky Saturday night entertainment shows. The autumn schedule has given him a free hand to commission all the programmes himself without inheriting the majority from the previous regime. He said ITV was on target to capture 38 per cent of the peak-time audience this year. "I believe and the companies believe that we need to develop a more coherent identity. But we have no intention of abandoning the regional identities of ITV companies."



A skirt constructed like confectionery, covered by tulle with whiffs of embroidery and papery flowers



Naomi Campbell with metal clips in place of buttons in Paris yesterday and the classic Chanel suit transformed, with fringed pockets and pin-tuck pleated skirt

Magic Lagerfeld makes light of the cream puff

THE technique may have been based on a cream puff, but it was the lightest show of the season. Karl Lagerfeld did not need dancing horses or steam trains to bring off his particular kind of magic at the Chanel show in Paris yesterday.

You could almost hear him calling out for just one more wafer-thin layer of tulle that he created with his delicious *millefeuille* camisoles. It was the absolute opposite of John Galiano's "blanket" couture shown at Dior the previous day. Even the leather was like a sheet of tissue paper satinated and teased into pin-tuck pleats. The slenderest of girls wore skirts constructed like confectionery, the calf-length satin pleats covered by tulle with whiffs of embroidery and frayed papery flowers scattered across the surface. Sadly the women who buy from this collection will not be eating many cream cakes themselves — not unless they want to look like meringues in a billowing silhouette that

Even the leather was like a sheet of tissue paper. Grace Bradberry applauds the Chanel show

suits only a long lean frame and a very small waist. Still, it was a beautiful hippy-luxe collection, constructed from what Lagerfeld calls "techno-weave" fabrics, most of which did not look obviously couture. The trouble with the most expensive status clothes is that they can end up looking tacky in their opulence, a trap which Lagerfeld is determined to avoid.

The classic Chanel suit underwent another transformation: this season it had fringed pockets, a pin-tuck pleated skirt to below the knee and invisible buttons.

Later in the show, the skirt became long and figure-hugging and was flecked with sequins. Naomi Campbell's deep blue Spencer had metal clips in place of buttons. Linda Evangelista wore a dramatic full-length black pleated cape — shades of the Scottish Widows advertisements but nowhere near as kitsch as some of the outfits this week.

As at Gaultier, long narrow flapper skirts made an appearance, zig-zagged in black sequins. Evening dresses were tied at the back with large gold discs hanging down, while huge amber beads were twisted about necks and curious boas of boucle cashmere accessorised simple camisoles. In a week that has seen flowers, feathers, and even stuffed budgerigars (by McQueen, of course), the decoration was mostly abstract — starburst heading and Kandinsky-style scatterings of spirograph and geometric embroidery.



Alf Garnett, as played by Warren Mitchell

Speight gives Alf the last laugh

ALF GARNETT, whose creator, Johnny Speight, died this month, is to return to television (Carol Midgley writes). In Speight's last work on Alf, Warren Mitchell will again play the celebrated big of a six-part series in the autumn entitled *The Thoughts of Chairman Alf*. But Alf, who became a hit in *Till Death Us Do Part* on the BBC in the mid-Sixties, will end his days on ITV, which commissioned the series after the success of *An Audience With Alf Garnett*. In the new series he will pontificate in customary fashion on the issues of the day, such as the Spice Girls, in front of a studio audience. Speight's family say that he continued writing until three weeks before his death from pancreatic cancer at the age of 78.

Warning for radio station hoaxers

THE Radio Authority yesterday warned stations against the growing trend of "wind-up" calls to unwitting victims after the watchdog was hoaxed itself (Carol Midgley writes). The authority said that such calls could be distressing for the victim, citing an incident on Viking FM in Hull in which a man was heard in tears on air after being told he was being fined £2,000 for not paying his road tax. Steve Jackson, who

hosts a programme on Kiss FM in London, was formally warned for broadcasting a call to the offices of the Radio Authority. One of the programme's presenters posed as a member of the public and rang asking what kind of language was so bad that it could not be broadcast on radio. Although the secretary who answered gave no examples, her conversation was broadcast with bleeps over supposed

expletives. Metro FM in Newcastle made a spoof call to the Child Support Agency, and Chris Evans of Virgin Radio rang telephone numbers live on air to try to speak to someone spontaneously. The authority issued new guidelines saying that such calls must not waste the time of public services or be broadcast without permission. "The 'wind-up' call is a technique that, if it is to be used, requires care," a spokesman said.

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TV's digital revolution is put on hold

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

THE digital, interactive television revolution was deferred by the Government yesterday — at least for a while. It will be some time before most households have hundreds of channels of digital television or computers offering good quality audio-visual entertainment via the Internet, according to a Green Paper produced jointly by the Culture, Media and Sport Department and the Department of Trade and Industry.

Chris Smith, the Media Secretary, said that present regulations are "sufficiently flexible to cope with the immediate challenge". The Green Paper acknowledged that fundamental change would at some time be necessary, and wide consultation began yesterday on when that might be and what regulations would be needed.

The Government's evolutionary approach to the digital age and to "convergence" — the overlap and eventual merging of once-separate technologies — is a rebuff to Gerald Kaufman and his Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee.

The committee, which published its report earlier this year, argued strongly that convergence was happening now and that a single regulatory body should be created. It also argued that it was vital to set a date for switching off analogue broadcasts to encourage the arrival of digital versions.

The Government said in its reply to the select committee yesterday: "Public policy must not be transfixed by technology, but it must be informed by it and might be transformed by it."

The Green Paper said that it was impossible to be sure how markets would develop. Both the share and the pace of developments were unpredictable.

Rather than making a false choice between fearing our regulatory structures or sticking to the status quo, we will follow an evolutionary path," the Government said.

Meanwhile, restrictions preventing telecommunications operators from carrying broadcast entertainment would be progressively lifted and regulators such as the Office of Fair Trading, the Independent Television Commission and Ofcom, the telecom regulator, would work together more closely.

Because mass markets for digital services do not exist and the behaviour of consumers will not change overnight, the Government believes that broadcasting will remain distinctive "and retain its unique place in the public mind". Obligations on public service broadcasters to provide quality, plurality and diversity would remain for the foreseeable future.

If the market started producing that range and diversity and created a demand for high-quality original productions, it would then "be hard to justify continuing positive programming requirements for commercial broadcasters."

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Crime-busting tactics fail to reduce offences

THE Home Office admitted yesterday that certain popular measures aimed at reducing crime, such as imprisoning more offenders, did not work. "Zero tolerance" policing was dismissed as offering some "short-term" gains at the expense of longer-term damage: increased arrests for minor offences would mean more people had criminal records and so would face difficulty in getting jobs, a Home Office report said. Some Neighbourhood Watch schemes, unfocused counselling and group therapy with offenders, and vocational training that did not lead to a job were also identified as ineffective tactics for reversing the long-term rise in crime.

The report, *Reducing Offending*, amounted to a repudiation of large elements of the anti-crime strategies pursued for the past two decades and pointed to a more focused approach based on ideas that work.

The police strategies for cutting crime that have generally been found to be ineffective are: **Random police patrolling:** "the research evidence seems to be fairly clear that random patrol does not have a marked effect upon crime levels", the study said. However, the sight of police on the beat, much demanded by the public, can help to reduce the fear of crime.

Peter Goldblatt, one of the report's authors, said that where police had used extra money most effectively was in improving intelligence-led policing, "not simply throwing more bobbies on the beat. It is random patrolling that has not been shown to be effective."

Arresting more people: counter-productive for juveniles — the study found that those charged were more likely to reoffend.

Neighbourhood Watch: difficult to introduce and maintain

Several popular strategies used by police are deemed to be ineffective, writes

Richard Ford

schemes in high-crime areas, but some can reduce burglary. "It is unlikely that existing implementations have had a marked effect in preventing crime nationally," the report says. If schemes are to succeed they must be planned and well led.

Community Policing: initiatives aimed at improving the quality and quantity of police contacts, including attempts to get a better flow of information about local crimes and opening "police shops" to help the public, are not very effective.

Work with children: a scheme in Staffordshire involving 25,000 children over the summer holidays showed no effect on the level of crime when compared with areas covered by neighbouring forces.

Restorative Justice: the new idea for offender and victim to meet and reach some agreement for the cost of the crime to be repaid. The report says: "The impact on crime levels is unclear". However, the system does produce greater respect for the police and justice.

Zero Tolerance: another fashionable idea, backed by the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary. It is credited for a remarkable decline in crime in New York.

The report gives warning that it must be used "with caution". It says: "The long-term impact of increasing arrests for minor offences may be to damage police legitimacy and to increase the number of

people with criminal records and consequent difficulty finding work. What data there are suggest that zero tolerance may offer an attractive short-term reduction in crime, but that it must also be evaluated against its long-term effects on those arrested, and the communities from which they come."

Imprisonment: custody is no more successful in preventing criminals reoffending than are community penalties. The reconviction rates for custody and community penalties within two years of completion of the sentence are roughly the same, at 53 per cent. Custody is the most expensive option available.

Imprisonment does protect the public from the risk of further harm while the offender is in jail. But it is estimated that a 25 per cent increase in the jail population would be necessary to obtain a 1 per cent fall in the crime rate.

What works in cutting crime: Focusing attention on "hot spots" of crime, recidivist offenders, and people who are repeatedly the victims of crime can achieve a significant reduction in offences. Police, probation service and local authorities need to work in partnership.

The visible presence of police at hot spots curbs crime. **Reducing criminality:** tackling the circumstances likely to lead to criminal behaviour, including poverty, children not being properly brought up, and young people mixing with delinquents.

Health visitors and nurses should make early and regular visits to homes, support is needed from schools, and there should be parenting guidance for mothers.

Policing should focus on solving the underlying problems of a community through working with residents, local authorities and other agencies rather than simply responding to calls.



JACK STRAW yesterday saw how the work of a graffiti artist had curbed illegal scrawl on a housing estate (Richard Ford writes). The artist, known as Ser, was asked to help to decorate a rollerskating rink on the High Path estate in Wimbledon, southwest London. Ser worked with young people from the estate to design the graffiti in the hope that it would prevent others defacing the

Straw sees graffiti art drive out urban scrawl

walls. Charlie Casey, deputy manager of the Abbey Partnership Policing Initiative, said that the work — including the words London Bores —

reflected Ser's feelings at the time. "He brought in the young people to help him so that they put their imprint on it. It is designed in the hope that

others will have some respect for it," Mr Casey said. In spite of Ser's efforts, other graffiti has appeared. But Mr Casey said: "It is much less than in other areas." Mr Straw also saw a project in which offenders on community service installed gates on alleys to reduce burglaries. The schemes involved partnerships of the police, Probation Service, local authorities and magistrates.

Social services 'waste cash on the needy'

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN
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SOCIAL workers should not waste time trying to solve the seemingly intractable problems of the most needy but concentrate on people who are easier to help, an official report said yesterday.

The first joint review of social services departments produced by the public spending watchdog the Audit Commission and the Social Services Inspectorate says that much of the £8.2 billion a year spent on social services is

wasted because too few councils measure the effectiveness of their work.

Examination of the performance of 29 social services departments found no clear relationship between the amount spent and how well they performed. The report says: "Councils that spend more do not necessarily provide better services. The critical factor is organisational culture." Some councils could save as much as £10 million a year simply by changing how they provide their services.

While the report says that 71 per cent of social services

users were satisfied with the service they received, it shows wide variations in cost management and organisation. Some councils failed to allocate staff to people known to be at risk, while others did not review how well they cared for people, for example by ensuring that children in care regularly attended school.

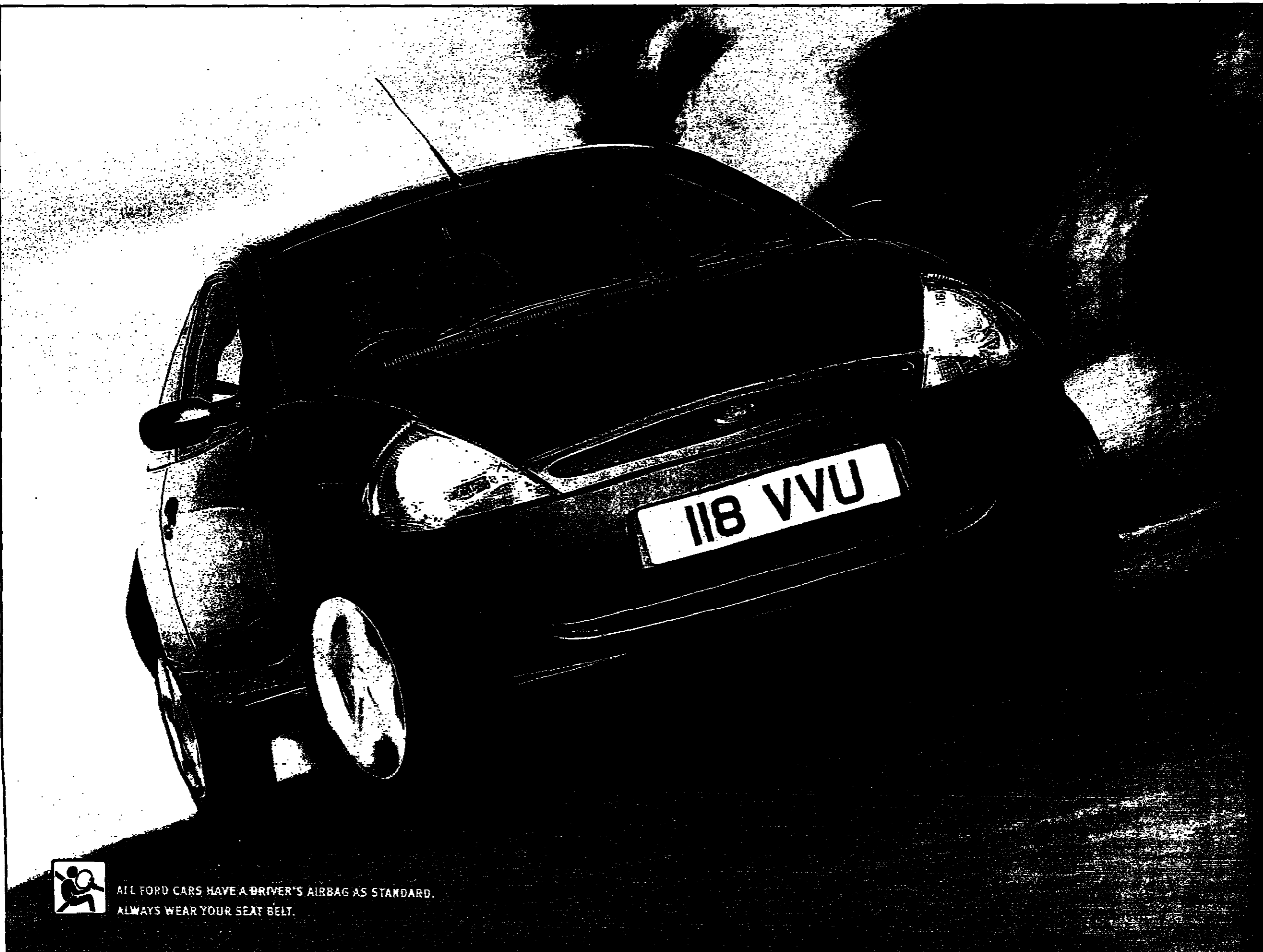
Home care costs for elderly people varied between £7 an hour (Liverpool) and £16 an hour (Cornwall). The amount that councils received from charging the public for services ranged from 4 per cent (Liverpool) to 28 per cent (West

Sussex). The limited resources available meant that some element of targeting was necessary in order to get maximum value for money, the report concluded. "Services should be targeted on people who can benefit most, which may not always be the most dependent or deprived."

However, Roy Taylor, president of the Association of Directors of Social Work said: "You often cannot tell until after an assessment and after working with someone what their real needs are. If you make too premature a decision, you might end up saying

no to someone who desperately needs your help."

John Buttle of the British Association of Social Workers said that targeting could deter many social workers from doing preventative work: "Does this mean that we put our money into after-school clubs for children rather than working on cases of child protection? Do we stop trying to help people with a mental illness to prevent them from having a breakdown? That is something you cannot measure in terms of efficiency, but which could potentially be very beneficial."



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Historic House of McCartney is unveiled

By Russell Jenkins

THE grand unveiling of Britain's latest restored historic home went ahead in Liverpool yesterday. Uniquely for a National Trust property, its most celebrated former occupant was chatting with admirers a few miles away at the time.

Sir Paul McCartney made a discreet visit to his home city to congratulate the first graduates of the Fame school he founded, just as an invited audience was touring the childhood home where he began his journey to fame.

The house at 20 Forthlin Road, Allerton, is the most modern building the trust has acquired, and the first time it has purchased a house associated with a living person. It cost an estimated £55,000, plus £47,500 to recreate period detail of the Fifties. The property is seen to have social significance as the place where McCartney and John Lennon co-wrote such hits as *I Saw Her Standing There* and *Love Me Do*.

The family moved to the mid-terrace council house in 1955 when McCartney was 13. Only a year later, his mother, Mary, started to suffer from chest pains, dying shortly afterwards of breast cancer. Her husband, Jim, then 53, lived in the house with his sons until 1964 and the outbreak of Beatlemania, which forced the family to move in the middle of the night.

McCartney had originally said that he was too distressed over the death of his wife, Linda, also a cancer victim, to go to Liverpool yesterday for a graduation ceremony at the Institute for Performing Arts, but he appeared at the 600-

pupil school for a reception that followed the ceremony at the Anglican cathedral.

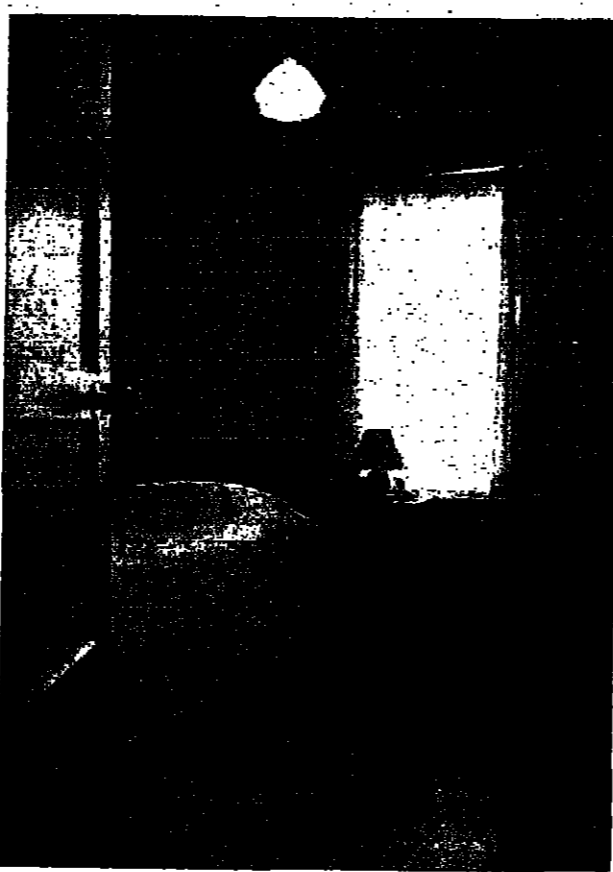
He emerged smiling from the Fame school and waved to his fans and waiting students, and shouted: "Congratulations everybody". A school spokesman, Cathy Skelly, said that his appearance had been the result of "a simple change of mind".

In a good-luck message to the National Trust, McCartney said: "My dear mother, Mary, had great aspirations for our family, and was very proud and pleased when we moved to 20 Forthlin Road. Because of its modern design for the times, it was a house that attracted the admiration of visitors, as I hope it will now."

"My Mum and Dad would have found it very hard to believe that the house is now a National Trust property. You expect the NT to own places like Blenheim Palace, not a little terrace house like this. But they would be chuffed about it and so am I."

His younger brother Mike, himself a Sixties pop star with Scaffold, has provided family photographs for the house. He said that it was a place where "some of the hopes and dreams of a typical Liverpool working-class family actually came true".

Martin Drury, director-general of the National Trust, said: "This is the first building acquired by the National Trust because of its significance to 20th-century popular culture. This 1950s council house is also important because it is typical of enlightened housing policies of the postwar era."



McCartney's childhood bedroom, where he composed songs, and the restored kitchen, where he and John Lennon consumed snacks of fried bread soaked in tomato sauce

Opening the door on life before the Beatles

RESEARCHERS trawled car-boot sales and junk shops for 1950s memorabilia for the McCartney home, which will squeeze in no more than 14 visitors at a time on pre-booked tours.

Julian Gibbs, the National Trust historic buildings representative, said that people would be positively encouraged to sit down on the chairs, and even the outside toilet was not off limits. The three-bedroomed terrace, built in 1952, has been redecorated to evoke the time when McCartney and Lennon strummed five-bar blues in the front parlour and took time out to scoff their favourite fried bread soaked in tomato sauce.

The trust has concentrated on recreating an era rather than an exact moment in time, but the house is authentic down to the 1950s three-piece suite, ubiquitous spider plant and the three different wallpapers in the front room, where Mr McCartney ran out of money to redecorate. Paul



The Beatles in 1965: fans had driven family from house

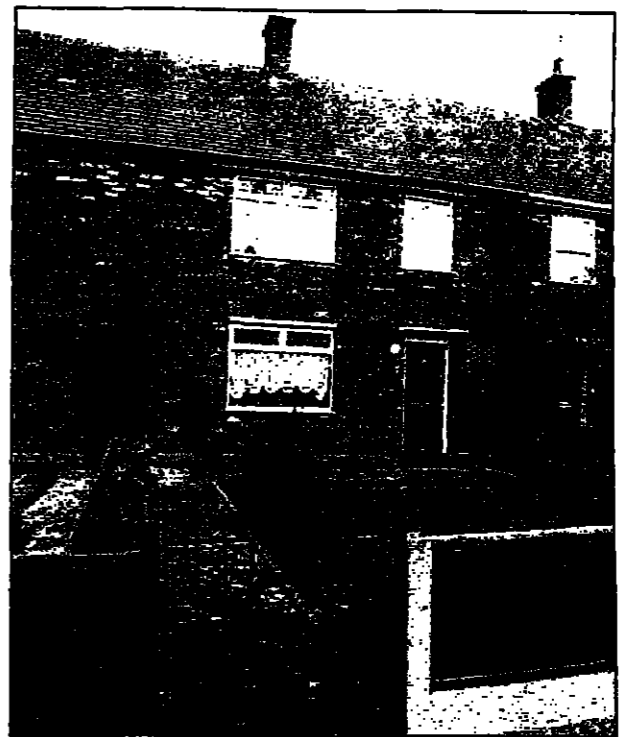
McCartney's former bedroom, the smallest room inside the house, has a velvet bedspread and Lloyd Loom chair, although there is none of the student artwork that once dominated the cream walls. Downstairs, the original Belfast sink has been restored to its rightful place

alongside a 1950s electric kettle and period Fairy Snow packet. A sprig of lavender lies on the sycamore draining board; the herb was grown by Jim McCartney to mask the smell of tobacco. Outside a drainpipe, which McCartney shinned down to escape fans, has been painted

in deep maroon, the 1952 Liverpool Corporation colour. Interior doors are original, repurchased from a Beatles dealer, except for the door leading to Paul's bedroom which hangs in London's Hard Rock Café.

John Halliday, 50, a Beatles fan and the museum's resident curator, has a wife and family back home in Warrington, but said he could not believe his luck in winning the job against 45 other applicants.

The trust is keeping the number of parties down to five a day to reduce annoyance to residents. However, it has yet to win over the next-door neighbour Ken Gledhill, 53, an unemployed driver, who said: "This is hyped up out of all proportion. I feel like packing up." The house opens to the public on July 29. Visitors will be bused in from nearby Speke Hall. Admission is £4.50 for adults, £2.50 for children, and £1.50 for trust members.



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Le Pen's wife spurns role as party partner

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

AN UNEXPECTED bout of marital discord rocked the French National Front yesterday. Jean-Marie Le Pen, the far-right leader, announced that his wife could stand in for him in European elections but she responded that she would not touch political office with a bargepole.

M Le Pen, who faces disqualification from the elections next spring for attacking a political rival, had expected his wife, Jany, to stand by her man, but she declared she would rather stay at home. "I am a housewife. I know nothing about politics and I have absolutely no intention of assuming any political responsibility," Mme Le Pen said. She added that her husband had "never" discussed the possibility of her standing for office.

Mme Le Pen's remarks came a day after the outspoken leader declared that his wife was a potential MEP candidate. "If my wife stands in next spring's European parliamentary elections she should have good electoral



Le Pen: power struggle

pulling power among women voters of European origin," he said.

In April, M Le Pen was stripped of his civil rights and banned from seeking political office for two years after he was convicted of assaulting a woman Socialist candidate in a street brawl last year. He has appealed against the sentence, but if it is upheld, he would be banned automatically from standing in the European elections.

The candidature of National Front wives whose husbands have been disqualified from elections has become a tradi-

tion in the anti-immigrant party. Most notably, the wife of Bruno Mégret, the party's deputy leader, won the Mayor's office in the southern town of Vitrolles after her husband was banned for campaign irregularities.

But M Le Pen's efforts to promote his wife as his replacement in the forthcoming elections reflects a bitter if covert battle for leadership within the extreme Right.

If M Le Pen is disqualified, then M Mégret would be the natural candidate to head the list of National Front candidates in the European elections. To keep his younger rival at bay, M Le Pen, 70, would far rather have his wife as a "puppet" candidate and this week he suggested openly that M Mégret might be trying to use the situation to increase his leverage in the party.

"It would really be too much if anyone took advantage of the blows that are dealt against me to promote their own place in the party," he said in remarks that are the closest he has yet come to acknowledging the power struggle with his deputy.



Animal paintings dating back about 30,000 years discovered by a French government official in the Ardèche

Cavern 'fraud' goes to court

BY BEN MACINTYRE

FRENCH government officials have been ordered to stand trial for allegedly issuing a fraudulent document depriving three explorers of the right to profit from their discovery of the world's oldest prehistoric cave paintings.

The case concerns the accidental discovery, in Decem-

ber 1994, of an underground cavern in the Ardèche containing more than 300 magnificent cave paintings dating back about 30,000 years.

Jean-Marie Chauvet, an employee of the French Culture Ministry responsible for the caves of the Ardèche, came across the cavern while pursuing his pot-holing hobby with two friends. M Chauvet, after

whom the cave has been named, claims officials issued a backdated document to give the impression that he had been working for the Government at the time, depriving him and his companions of the rights to commercial exploitation of the cave.

The local cultural office issued M Chauvet with a permit dated four days before the discovery, but the explorers claim the document was produced long after the discovery in a cynical conspiracy to deprive them of the potentially huge profits.

Gilbert Emery, the investigating magistrate, ordered two regional officials and a senior figure in the French Culture Ministry to stand trial on charges of fraud.



Jany Le Pen, left, will not follow the path of Catherine Mégret as a proxy candidate

Hundreds hail Easyjet boss

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

HUNDREDS of people, drawn by the promise of a free return air ticket to London, mobbed Stelios Hadjiioannou, owner of the no-frills airline Easyjet, in an Athens court yesterday. They had come to cheer him on in his legal battle with Greece's travel agents.

So many people showed up at the court that ticket vouchers ran out and names had to be written on pieces of paper and handed to an Easyjet employee struggling in the crowd. Many who turned up late were disappointed.

The airline pledged more than 300 round-trip tickets to London. The lucky ones were told that they could pick up

their tickets, valid for two months, within two weeks. They must pay the 11,000 drachmas (£22) airport tax themselves.

Mr Hadjiioannou, a Greek Cypriot shipping magnate, made his entry into the airline business in 1995. At present, Easyjet flies cut-price services from Luton in Bedfordshire to eight continental destinations. It started flying to Athens on July 10.

The magnate burst into the Greek headlines two months ago by running four-page newspaper advertisements for the London-Athens service, fixing summer ticket prices as low as one-eighth of the standard British Airways economy class fare. "Forget about your travel agent," read one of his advertisements.

Greece's travel agents, who earn considerable commissions from issuing tickets directly to travellers, were not amused. Yesterday Mr Hadjiioannou was being tried on a charge of defamation, a class action brought by the Greek Travel Agents' Association.

Easyjet's Athens-London route is popular with students, tourists and weekend shoppers. Many of its supporters are parents whose children study in London and who

want to keep the flight prices down.

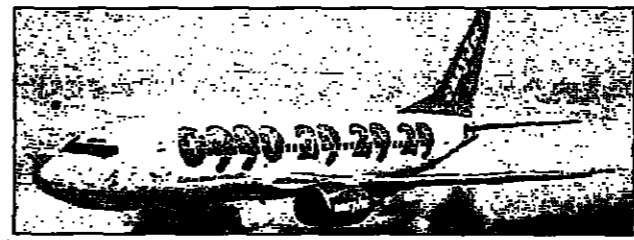
"We believe in free enterprise," Mr Hadjiioannou said in court. Later he admitted that giving out the free tickets was part of a publicity effort. "All of the tickets are valid. This was done to let people get to know us," Yiannis Capodistrias, the London-based airline's marketing manager for Greece, said.

Although Mr Hadjiioannou is likely to raise his airline's fares later in the year, he is also expected to establish a position in a solid market. Travellers on the route have long complained of high fares in what until recently was a virtual duopoly of British Airways and Olympic Airways. Only Virgin Atlantic was offering serious fare competition at peak times.

The hearing ended without a decision by the judge, who

said the case should resume after the summer. The court had banned Easyjet's Greek advertisements 13 days ago on the ground that they "offended the integrity of travel agents". The ban remains in force. Travel agents claimed that the advertisements were misleading and had failed to emphasise the no-frills character of Easyjet's flights.

In addition to Easyjet, Mr Hadjiioannou maintains an Athens office that manages his Cyprus-flagged tanker fleet. Known in shipping circles as a perfectionist, he remains something of a maverick to the older Greek shipowning establishment. But Greek shipping interests, which are potential purchasers of the ailing Olympic Airways from the Greek state, are monitoring Mr Hadjiioannou's efforts in the airline business to gain some clues for themselves.



An Easyjet Boeing 737: free fare deal from Athens

Airport cargo chaos

FROM JILL MCGIVERING IN HONG KONG

THE Hong Kong authorities have taken a tentative step towards launching an inquiry into the chaos that has dogged its new multibillion-pound airport. But it may come too late to resolve the logjam of imported goods at the airport which has had a devastating effect on business.

The Government announced yesterday the appointment of two local officials to lead the inquiry, Justice Woo Kwok-hing, a High Court judge, and Edgar Cheng, vice-chairman of the Hang Seng Bank.

The inquiry is a response to public anger about the airport fiasco. Computer problems delayed baggage, disrupted flights and caused faulty infor-

mation systems. The main cargo handler, Hong Kong Air Cargo Terminals Ltd, was forced to suspend shipments while it tackled the backlog of accumulated goods.

Retailers are running out of things to sell. Kathleen Cheng, the local manager of the British company, Church's English Shoes, said fresh stocks were needed urgently.

Glenn Kerrigan, the co-owner of several smart restaurants, is flying to and from Thailand three times a week to buy groceries. Maria Cheung, head of the car exhaust systems manufacturer, Hing Yu Metal Works, fears losing a major overseas contract because vital samples have disappeared in the chaos.

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GM strikers defend their high life



A bloated General Motors and its workforce have fallen out over outdated practices, reports Ian Brodie in Flint, Michigan

TERRY JONES, on strike from General Motors, plays golf most days at his country club, but on Sundays he puts in two hours on the picket line outside his idle factory. He has plenty of company from fellow members of the United Auto Workers union on the private golf course around Flint, Michigan. Other strikers sail their cabin cruisers and power boats on Lake Michigan. Mr Jones, a tinsmith, agrees that the strikers are affluent. After 38 years at GM, his pay with voluntary overtime has reached \$75,000 a year (£45,500), plus a lavish package of benefits. Some highly skilled workers make \$100,000 with overtime.



costs. GM has finally resolved to break the union's grip on inflexible work rules. It threatens to curb investment in American operations where outdated union practices persist. Welders in Flint, for example, receive a full day's pay for only four or five hours' work. GM also wants more jobs "outsourced" to non-union workers and is pushing ahead with factories in cheap-labour countries such as Mexico. "Our long-term viability is on the line," said Donald Hackworth, who is GM's head of car operations in North America. The showdown pits the UAW against America's biggest corporation. In seven weeks, neither side has blinked. The stoppage has cost GM dear. By the end of last month lost profits reached \$1.2 billion and lost production was 227,000 cars and pick-up trucks. Since then, losses have risen every day by \$80 million and 21,000 vehicles. The strike contributed to a fall in US industrial output of 0.6 per cent last month, the steepest dive in five years. Earlier clashes between the union and GM still echo in Flint, the company's birthplace 30 miles north of Detroit. An historic marker records how sit-down strikers occupied a GM factory in 1937 and refused to budge for 44 days. GM caved in. The resulting settlement led to complete unionisation of the car industry. The infant UAW had cut its teeth successfully. Solidarity is a Flint tradition. Motorists honk as they pass the picket lines. Thousands turned out this week for rallies. Stephen Yokich, the UAW president and a former GM die maker, blared his demand for honesty at the bargaining table "or we'll still be here at Christmas". Yet many strikers are unclear why they are out and nervous about a long struggle. Mr Jones said: "Most of us don't understand the issues. We just have to trust the union leadership." GM accuses the union of trickery in sidestepping its agreement to end national strikes. True, the UAW called out only 9,200 workers in Flint, but they supply parts to the rest of the system. Shortages quickly forced GM to close 26 of 29 assembly plants and to lay off 185,000 workers, many of them UAW members. An arbitrator is to hold a hearing today on GM's claim that the strike is illegal. Wall Street says it is about time GM took a hard line. When Ford and Chrysler faced bankruptcy in the 1980s, they negotiated more flexible work rules and sacked thousands of workers. GM remains bloated. It suffers from a dearth of exciting new models and arguably has too many ageing brands, among them Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac, Oldsmobile and Pontiac. Challenged by global competition, GM has said: "Many around the world are very happy about this strike. They work for companies called Daimler-Chrysler, Ford, Toyota and Honda."



Stephen Yokich, the United Auto Workers president, addresses union members at Flint, Michigan, demanding honest bargaining "or we'll still be here at Christmas". Many of the strikers do not understand why they are out - "We just have to trust the union leadership," one said

Bridge-builder takes Nigerian stage



LEADING Nigerian politicians are to launch the country's first new political party after the Government's announcement of elections in the first quarter of next year. More than 500 delegates from two political groups, Vision 99 and Friends on Way Forward, are to meet in Abuja today. They are expected to adopt a party name and elect committees to draw up a party constitution and manifesto.

Analysts in Nigeria say that Vision 99 largely represents politicians from the United Nigerian Congress Party (UNCP), which led a failed campaign for continued rule by the military leader General Sani Abacha until he died on June 8. Chief Edet Amama is making an early attempt to be the party's presidential candidate. He is a bridge-builder by profession and by politics. As a young engineer he helped to design the Edgware Road flyover in west London and now he intends to bridge the Nigerian tribal divide by running for the presidency next year. As a southerner, he believes his lack of any important tribal affiliation will be a key factor to success.

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Simon ole Makallah, of the Kenya Wildlife Service, in court in Nairobi yesterday

Game park chief grins in dock at Julie Ward trial

FROM DAVID ORR IN NAIROBI
A FORMER game park warden was yesterday charged with the murder of the British tourist Julie Ward in Kenya ten years ago. Simon ole Makallah, who was arrested on Friday night at his home in the capital, grinned at supporters as he sat in the dock of a Nairobi court. Unusually short and stocky for a member of the Masai tribe, the balding Mr Makallah wore a light blue jacket, white shirt and a V-neck sweater. Dozens of Masai men, many of them distinctive with traditionally distended earlobes, were among the onlookers. Mr Makallah was charged with having murdered Ward jointly with others who did not appear in court, in the Masai Mara game reserve between September 6 and 13, 1988. Now in his early fifties and an assistant director of the Kenya Wildlife Service, Mr Makallah was silent throughout the proceedings. He is being represented by four Masai lawyers, among them Cambridge-educated Kerlako Tobiko. "We think he [Mr Makallah] is being used as a sacrificial lamb by the Kenyan authorities acting under pressure from the British Government," said Mr Tobiko. "I believe there's a political agenda to this case." The revival of the case, which last came to court in 1992, is largely due to the persistence of Julie's father, John Ward, a Suffolk hotelier, who has waged a personal crusade to avenge his daughter's death. The prosecution requested more time to prepare its case. The accused has been remanded in custody in Nairobi until Monday. If convicted, Mr Makallah faces the death penalty. But although Kenyan courts routinely impose death sentences, no one has been hanged for at least a decade. The remains of Ward, 28, were discovered in the reserve on the Tanzanian border. Officials first claimed she had been attacked and killed by wild animals. Two park rangers were subsequently arrested and tried for her murder, but they were found innocent of all charges in June 1992.

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US East Coast on alert as heatwave spreads

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AMERICANS chilled out in air-conditioned shopping malls and public swimming pools yesterday as the record-breaking heatwave that has killed more than 100 people across the Deep South spread into the normally temperate northern and eastern states.

As Dallas endured its sixteenth consecutive day of temperatures over 38C (100F), the mercury soared across Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, and local authorities as far north as the Canadian city of Toronto warned residents to take precautions.

On the East Coast, the Philadelphia electricity company began distributing 500 electrical fans to poor families to make up for the lack of air-conditioning and the city laid on transport to air-conditioned shelters.

The heatwave, which has baked America from Florida through Texas to Colorado for the past two months, has claimed at least 117 lives, including 81 in Texas, 22 in Louisiana, 11 in Oklahoma and one each in California, Arizona and Missouri.

In Dallas, where there has been no rain since early June, officials distributed bottled water to mobile homes with no running water or sewage service. The Dallas Cowboys American football team shed their heavy protective padding to train in shorts and helmets.

Many people sought the comfort of giant air-conditioned shopping malls. Municipalities ordered swimming pools to stay open longer. On building sites, labourers were able to continue working only by adding lorryloads of ice to cement.

Tom Elverum, a foreman at Central Asphalt Paving in Des Moines, said: "We keep plenty of water around. We never had a man go down from the heat, but there have been times we could've lost someone had we not taken it easy."

limits of electricity suppliers as air-conditioning units are kept on maximum. In Minnesota, office buildings were getting only intermittent power to run air-conditioning systems, while residents of Denver faced "rolling black-outs" to conserve energy.

In Chicago, where 733 people died in a 1995 heatwave, factories were being asked to cut back their energy consumption while electricity usage in Kansas hit a one-hour record. Elsewhere local authorities requested residents not to run washing machines until after 10pm and asked them to cook on barbecues.

The heat encouraged tricks ranging from the time-honoured technique of keeping a bath full of cold water for regular dips to the wearing of wet T-shirts. In big cities on the East Coast, ghetto residents frolicked in the spray from fire hydrants. In New Orleans, zookeepers froze the usual diet of blood and meat fed to bobcats into ice-lollies.

As the heat moves into the cities of the northern and eastern states, officials were preparing to put into effect their emergency planning. Although known as the Windy City because of its chilly position on the Great Lakes, Chicago is actually one of the best-prepared cities for hot weather because of the failures of the heatwave of 1995. The city now maintains a network of public buildings with air conditioning that are designated as shelters.

Worst hit by the drought conditions, however, will be farmers in the South, who have seen their corn and cotton crops ravaged. Nebraska is offering free counselling in the hope of preventing a repeat of last year's suicides in South Dakota, when at least six farmers killed themselves because of lost crops.

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Miami fire boats use powerful water hoses to douse the blaze that engulfed three decks in the Ecstasy's stern

Fire boats save cruise liner

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

ALL 3,495 passengers and crew were evacuated safely from the luxury cruise ship Ecstasy early yesterday after a fire in the laundry was put out by Port of Miami tugboats and the Coast Guard.

Officials from the emergency services said the outcome could have been a lot worse if the fire had broken out while the ship was further out at sea. The Ecstasy was only a couple of miles off

short, making it easier for tugs with powerful water hoses to reach the burning vessel.

The fire, which engulfed three decks in the stern, was spotted by smaller boats off Miami Beach as the 855 ft vessel set sail for a four-day Caribbean cruise.

As the captain waited for help from onshore, he turned the ship so that the smoke blew away from the passengers who gathered on deck in lifejackets.

passengers appeared remarkably calm. They said later that they had no idea how bad it was.

"It wasn't that noticeable at first. The fire was a lot more intense and widespread than we ever imagined," Sumpter Flakes, 56, said.

Equipped with fire doors and sprinkler systems, modern cruise ships are generally regarded as extremely safe. Carnival Cruise Lines, which owns the Ecstasy, is the biggest cruise ship company in the world. It acquired the

Cunard Line, which operated the QE2, in April and has an excellent safety record.

However, the fire has raised questions about laundry-room safety measures. In June 1996, a laundry-room fire resulted in the deaths of five crew members on board the Universe Explorer, operated by Commodore Cruise Line, off the coast of Alaska.

Last April a waiter died on board the Cunard liner Vistafjord when a laundry cupboard ignited soon after she left a south Florida port.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Chinese increase missile arsenal

Washington: China produced six new intercontinental ballistic missiles in the first four months of the year, increasing its arsenal by a third, *The Washington Times* reported. Citing unidentified Pentagon intelligence officials, the paper said it was told China will build two more missiles this year before shutting down and relocating its sole production plant as part of defence industry restructuring.

"This is missile production far beyond anything we have seen from the Chinese in recent years," the paper quoted one official as saying. Officials who spoke on condition that they were not named said that the latest intelligence report on China's missiles was based on satellite photographs and other sensitive sources.

A CIA report this year, also first reported by the paper, disclosed that China had 18 long-range nuclear missiles capable of hitting the US and that 13 of them were targeted at US cities. At a summit last month with President Clinton, Chinese leaders agreed to "de-target" the cities. (AFP)

'Fastest' transatlantic voyage

Copenhagen: A Danish ferry company claims it has broken the record for a transatlantic crossing with a time of two days, twenty hours and nine minutes. Scandlines, which plies between the Danish cities of Aarhus and Kalundborg, said the ferry left the US last Saturday and arrived in Britain on Monday. It achieved an average speed of 39.3 knots. (AP)

Jet crash relatives jailed

Seoul: Three relatives of victims from last year's Korean Air crash in Guam, who accepted bribes of 280 million won (£131,000) to persuade bereaved families to refrain from confrontation during compensation talks, have been sentenced to up to 18 months' jail. An airline vice-president was fined for bribing them. Only 26 people survived. (AP)

Kuwait cash for Pakistan

Islamabad: Kuwait has provided Pakistan with \$250 million (£156 million) to tide over its balance of payments problems triggered by international sanctions against its nuclear tests. Sarraj Aziz, the Finance Minister, said. Several other oil-rich Islamic states have also promised to help Pakistan, he said, but did not identify them. (AFP)

Madonna bows out of film

Los Angeles: Madonna, right, who spent three months learning to play the violin for a role in *50 Violins*, has quit the film, according to *Daily Variety*. The actress and singer was to have begun filming next month. The film is based on the life of Roberta Tzavaris, who taught children in the Harlem district of New York to play the violin. Wes Craven, the film's director, said Madonna's decision stemmed from artistic differences. (AFP)



34 killed in Kosovo battle

Pristina: At least 34 Albanians have been killed in fighting for the town of Orahovac in the Serbian province of Kosovo, according to the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Information Centre. Humanitarian aid sources said earlier that several thousand Albanian inhabitants of Orahovac or satellite villages had fled north. (Reuters)

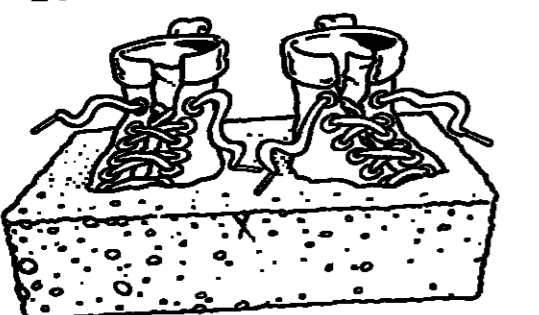
Santas rein in festive spirit

Copenhagen: About 120 Father Christmases from ten countries gathered in Copenhagen's historic Bakken amusement park to open the 33rd Santa Claus World Congress. The agenda included a debate on the rights of female Santas. The gathering is to include a debate on whether Christmas Eve should be moved to January 6. (Reuters)

Rookie's cycle of crime

Paris: Police who stopped a cyclist riding the wrong way down a one-way street discovered he was a trainee policeman illegally carrying a gun. He said he was on his way to buy drugs and was armed because the neighbourhood was dangerous. A police spokesman said: "I think his presence in police school is about to come to an abrupt end." (Reuters)

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Japanese hopefuls promise tax cuts

FROM ROBERT WHYMANT IN TOKYO

THE three candidates hoping to succeed Ryutaro Hashimoto as Japan's Prime Minister promised yesterday to initiate bold reforms to rescue the economy, but doubts persist over whether any of them has the mettle to do so.

Keizo Obuchi, 61, the Foreign Minister, Junichiro Koizumi, 56, the Health Minister, and Seiroku Kajiyama, 72, the former Chief Cabinet Secretary, registered their candidature for the presidency of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party. The party leader, to be elected in a secret ballot on Friday, will become the next Prime Minister because of the LDP's comfortable majority in the Lower House.

At a joint press conference, the three said their top priority was to pull Japan out of its prolonged recession and promised tax cuts. But Mr Obuchi was the only one to announce specific goals, pledging tax cuts of six trillion yen (£26 billion) and a ten trillion yen spending package. Mr Kajiyama focused on reforming Japan's financial system, weighed down by non-performing loans. Mr Koizumi said Japan must build "an internationally acceptable economic structure".

Of the three men, the outspoken Mr Kajiyama is the favourite of financial markets. The staid Mr Obuchi has the backing of the largest faction within the LDP and is regarded as a skillful fixer.

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'Charles is a man you want to giggle with'

Artist Emma Sergeant toured with the royal roadshow. Interview by Grace Bradberry



Portrait of an artist: Emma Sergeant, whose latest exhibition, telling the story of the Princes of Wales, opens on Saturday at the National Museum & Gallery, Cardiff

Emma Sergeant was sitting in the steering section of the Prince of Wales's plane, idling the time between Marrakesh and Cairo, when Stephen Lamport, the Prince's private secretary, put his head around the corner and said: "He wants to see you." It was Emma's first tour of duty as a royal artist and she had a feeling she had already flouted etiquette on a number of occasions.

Window — you want to bring a fat plum in from the outside world. He, in turn, will say one or two things, quietly, very understated, and one is left feeling that he's noticed." While Prince Charles and his staff were bound by strict protocol, Emma could stand a little apart. The Prince appeared to find her informality refreshing. She managed to reach North Africa without having a clue how to curtsy. On tour, however, she found herself standing in line, waiting to be introduced to the Prince of Morocco. "I thought I'd dressed to kill in a black suit my grandmother had given me — very *haute couture*, but also very out of character. The Prince said: "And this is our travelling artist." He looked around and saw me in my immaculate suit and burst into laughter. I started laughing, too. The Prince of Morocco looked horrified and quietly passed on."

Award-winning portrait painter, lapsed socialite and daughter of Sir Patrick Sergeant, the millionaire financial journalist, Emma, 38, was the perfect candidate for the job of royal artist. Her "interview" took place at a Sotheby's dinner for which she was inadequately prepared. "I hadn't bothered to read the invitation. I was sort of passed around the room, not knowing anyone, and was just reading a catalogue, wondering how I could get through two hours of this, when Prince Charles walked into the room. He said a couple of hellos, then bounced over to me. He said: "I'm your biggest fan; I'm dying to take you on a trip and I think I've got the one which would suit your type of work — Egypt and Morocco." Suddenly everyone at the dinner was all over me. The meal was in honour of Prince Charles, whose portraits hung around the walls.

Emma must have passed Prince Charles's test, however, as she was invited on a second tour of Central Asia. The royal party dined at Gorbachev's dacha on black Brussels sprouts imported from Highgrove, and dined with dignitaries in Kazakhstan, where the ceremonial hat looked like an upturned bluebell. It was there that Emma punched a bodyguard who had the temerity to push her aside. It was exhausting but extraordinary. Days that began in deserts would end on snowy mountains, with Emma dressed in entirely the wrong clothes. "There were pictures of me in the newspapers scaling an archaeological site in a black miniskirt. Friends asked: "Where did I think I

was going, a nightclub?" The Prince was always immaculate, surrounded by staff working around the clock to ensure he performed — "It's a roadshow. No rock star has the finish and professionalism that this man has."

At the end of the tours Emma presented the Prince with her sketches, but felt this was not enough. "Back in London I said: "Look, it's been the most extraordinary trip and I'd like to give you something else." I remembered him saying how he hated sitting for portraits so, very cunningly, I offered to give him one. Six months down, his office called and said: "He's ready for his portrait, so I went off to Highgrove for the sittings." There she discovered some of her sketches on the walls of the Prince's lavatory. "It's the perfect place for him to receive people, because you go there and the house is floor to ceiling with books and pictures, wonderful smells and great theatrical old curtains. You feel you've walked into someone's life and been given a slice of them."

The biggest treat was an invitation to a weekend at Sandringham, orchestrated by Michael Fawcett, formerly the Prince's valet, now in charge of decorations: "He and Prince Charles adore each other. Michael has flamboyant taste." There were fountains on the table. One night all the decorations were red, the next white. Trevor Nunn was there, as was his wife, Imogen Stubbs. "There was a funny old gramophone and we all started dancing. Imogen Stubbs said: "Hm, I can see you were at Camden School for Girls. You all dance like that." I carried on moving like a Camden girl throughout the night.

On Sunday Emma came down to breakfast to find Imogen dressed as if for a ball. "What I didn't know — and what she did know — was that the press always wait outside the church to snap whoever's there. I wondered what she was doing in a crushed velvet dress." Emma herself is no social ingénue. She was appalled when she applied to the Slade and was told: "We don't want your type here. We don't take people who are going to use art school as a social stepping stone." Nevertheless, she did meet people there, and when, at 21, she astonished the art world by winning the National Portrait Gallery portrait prize for artists under 40, her contacts widened further. The award included a commission from the National Portrait Gallery and she painted Lord Ol-

ivier and Lord David Cecil. Her first show — at Agnew's in 1984 — was a sellout, with larger works fetching £10,000. Commissions flooded in. Even then, she bridled at the notion of herself as a "society portrait painter", and set off to Afghanistan in 1985 to paint a war zone in the company of Muslim warriors. She still feels labelled: "No art critic will ever look at my work because as far as they're concerned, I'm a woman with a huge social life who dashes off the occasional exhibition. This is a country which will never allow you to achieve if you're privileged. There's a lot of jealousy, which has absolutely dogged my steps."

Her frequent appearances in gossip columns have not helped. In the *Eighties* she dated Imran Khan before marrying an Italian banker named Riccardo Pavoncelli in 1988. After the wedding, Emma decided to take two years out from portraits to do experimental work. "It was like self-analysis. I started to jump rather unevenly between the reality I was trying to create on canvas and the reality of being a wife to my husband. I retreated more and more into my imagination. It was like opening a Pandora's box, and I didn't know how to deal with it."

One Sunday morning her husband found her in the kitchen, close to tears, and offered to sit for her. The portrait was the genesis of the *Orpheus and Eurydice* project that was to take her sabbatical to five years. The exhibition was acclaimed, but its creation ended her marriage. Seeing a picture with a dwarfish Orpheus displaying Riccardo's features, a towering Eurydice as a self-portrait at his side, a friend asked when the divorce was. They did indeed split up four years ago. "I think he actually got a bum deal. He married someone who was fun and outgoing and then he ended up with this hard-working, in-turned person. He's got someone now who's much more *mondaine* than I am." His second wife is Cosima von Bulow. There followed an 18-month affair with the Earl of Caledon, the Queen's Lord-Lieutenant for Co. Armagh. He walked out on his wife, Henrietta, and their two children and moved into Emma's beautiful artist's studio off the Fulham Road. Now he's back with his wife and Emma doesn't want to talk about it. "It's too difficult for the people concerned."

She is now utterly single — a state she claims to be enjoying. "All my life I've felt some man was going to charge in and ruin everything, so I've done what I can to create enough stability for myself to work in. I've been unhappy with people, taken a long time to extricate myself from the unhappy situation and, finally, I am truly peaceful and happy. "I would have been very happy to have found companionship with someone," she admits. "But this way I have more infrastructure for my work. When I was younger I was much weaker and tried to be nice to everyone. Now I only try to please myself."

The Prince appeared to find her approach refreshing

Care taken on trust

The case of Joseph Mackin, murdered by a child minder whose past as a prostitute and failed mother came to light only in court, is as unsettling as it is tragic. Although Joseph's parents had done everything by the book in choosing a carer, their trust in a seemingly respectable married woman was to shatter their lives. Worryingly, there can be no guarantee that such a mistake will never recur. Day nurseries and after-school clubs rarely cause concern; more uncertainty surrounds a carer who looks after a child behind closed doors, either in the child's home (a nanny) or in their own home (a child minder). The responsibility for vetting child minders lies with local authorities, who must adhere to guidelines in the Children Act 1989. A prospective child minder must provide two personal references from non-relatives, a medical reference, and all previous names. Social security and police checks are then carried out on the applicant and all other adults at the same address. The council visits to assess competence and to carry out safety checks for items such as stair guards and smoke alarms. However, much relies on the applicant's honesty. Helen Stacey, jailed for life on Monday for Joseph's death, was registered with Norfolk County Council as an approved child minder. She was able to evade detection because she had failed to give a previous married name, by which she was known to the social services and police. The council will now ask for a marriage certificate, which reveals whether there has been a former marriage. Parents seeking a child minder should approach their local authority, which has a list of approved carers. Recommendations from health visitors with connections in the community, and other parents, are also invaluable sources of advice. The national childcare charity, Daycare Trust, has a list of local childcare providers. The trust has produced an excellent booklet, *Check Out Childcare*. It suggests that once you have two or three prospective child minders, arrange to visit them with your child, while they are caring for

What should you ask when you arrange childcare? Report by Anjana Ahuja



Victim: baby Joseph Mackin

Childminding Association can provide contracts. Employing a nanny is even less well regulated. However, anyone can set themselves up as a nanny, as there are no legal or training requirements. The only responsibility of agencies is to put parents and nannies in contact with each other, although most try to vet the people on their books. The ultimate responsibility for checking a nanny's suitability lies with the parents. "When we interview prospective nannies, we ask them about training and experience," says Gaby Morris, who co-owns Riverside Nannies in Limehouse, East London. "We would look for a diploma in nursery nursing. It's not sufficient for them to love children. "We also like them to present a police check, which they can get from any police station under the Data Protection Act. But we can't force them to do it." Mrs Morris advises: "Look at their work history, and for any gaps in their employment. Ask about their personal history — what kind of home did they come from? Ask about hobbies — if they enjoy nightclubbing until 4am, are they going to be fit to look after children the next day? What are their thoughts on nutrition and discipline? A good idea is to present scenarios, and see how they would deal with them. Do you trust their judgment?" Age isn't necessarily important, Mrs Morris says, since a younger person might be better than someone with "personal baggage". The children's views should count, too. Parents should never worry about being too personal in the interview. "If a question is too intrusive for the carer, then the carer isn't right. Most important, you should always have in the back of your mind the question: 'would I leave my child with this person?'" If the first encounter proves successful, invite the nanny around to spend an afternoon with the family. As with child minders, always draw up a contract. ● Check Out Childcare £5 (including postage and packing) from the Daycare Trust, 4 Wild Court, London WC2B 4AU (0171-405 5617); National Childminding Association, 8 Masons Hill, Bromley, Kent BR2 9EY (0181-464 6164).

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Lord Parkinson and Lord Baker of Dorking, CH, after the memorial service for Sir Alan Glyn; below, Lady Rosula Glyn with one of her daughters, Mrs Adrian Weale

Canon Donald Gray, Chaplain to the Speaker, officiated, assisted by the Rev Antony Asses, Assistant Priest at Christ Church, Down Street, Chelsea...



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Today's royal engagements

The Queen will hold an investiture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00. The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Co-Steel Shearless, Kent, at 10.30...

Baron Marshall of Knightsbridge

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Baron Burns

The life barony conferred upon Sir Terence Burns has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Burns, of Pishanger in the London Borough of Ealing.

The Royal Society of Chemistry

The following were admitted as Fellows of the Royal Society of Chemistry in July 1998. They are entitled to use the designation 'Chartered Chemist' and the letters 'CChem FRSC'.

University news

Oxford: The Shannon Prize in Modern History (ELO00) has been awarded to Andrew Morley.

The following will receive special honorary degrees at graduation ceremonies at the University of Ulster. John Hume, Mr MEP, Duvin; Lady Maybrow of Twyden, Duvin; May Blood, Duvin; Aileen McGinley, Duvin; Kate Kelly, Duvin; Professor Adele Dalsimer, Duvin; Professor Elizabeth Shannon, Duvin; Justice Cathryn Catherine McGuinness, DLit; Lord Lester of Herne Hill, DLit; David Mahaffey, EdD; Wilfred Mulroy, EdD; Anne Murray, EdD; Oliver Sayllis, EdD; Professor Patrick Murphy, EdD; Sir Christopher Quigley, Duvin; Professor Patrick Dowling, DSc; Alan Elliott, Duvin; Sir Donald Acheson, DSc; Paul McWilliams, Duvin; Alan McClure, Duvin; Professor Seamus Kearne, DLit; Martin Turner, Duvin; Professor Keith Kyle, DLit.

Dinners

Corporation of London: To mark the visit to the City of London yesterday of the President of the Corporation of London...

Marriage

Mr X.M.P. Marchand and Miss A. Elliot. The marriage took place on Saturday July 18, at the Church of San Donato in Poggio, Florence...

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anthony Ashley Cooper, 1st Earl of Shaftesbury, statesman, Wimbore St Giles, Dorset, 1621; George Mendel, pioneer of the study of heredity, Heizenfurt, Austria, 1822; the Rev William Spenser, scholar and biographer of Shakespeare, London, 1844; Seanan Wilksman, discoverer of streptomycin, Nobel laureate 1952, Prilucka, Ukraine, 1888; Sobhuza II, King of Swaziland 1899-1982, Zombodze, 1899; DEATHS: John Dalton, poet, Worcester, 1763; George Shaw, naturalist, London, 1813; Wilson Barrett, actor-manager, London, 1904; Florenz Ziegfeld, theatrical producer, Hollywood, 1932; Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada 1921-26, 1926-30 and 1935-48, Kingsmere, Quebec, 1950; Carl Sandburg, poet and biographer, Flat Rock, North Carolina, 1957.

Drapers' Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Drapers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Nicholas George Whitehouse; Wardens, Mr John Mario Paskally Padovan, Mr Richard Wells Pearman Beharrell, Mr Martin Leslie Harroween Sankey and Mr Charles George Barnett.

Legal appointment

Mr John Murrill Rhodes to be a District Judge of the South Eastern Circuit from August 2.

National Trust finds lost Temple of Venus

A LOST Temple of Venus has been rediscovered near Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire, more than two centuries after it was demolished. Begun in the reign of George I, the temple formed part of one of Britain's most elaborate garden landscapes. The Temple of Venus was one of a series of buildings commissioned by John Aislabie, Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time of the South Sea Bubble scandal in 1720. Expelled from Parliament, he retired to his Yorkshire estate and started to build himself a paradise comparable to Stourhead or Stowe. He and then his son William enlarged the grounds with, in Sir Nikolaus Pevsner's words, "arrogant self-confidence and stunning success", using the ruins of Fountains Abbey as the obligatory ruin in a landscape moving from Classical into Gothic mode. John Aislabie rented a neighbouring hillside from the Messenger family to put up the temple, which stood on a prominent hillock in the Bite of the Half Moon Pond, the abbey ruins being visible beyond it. A view by Baldassar Nepot painted around 1760 shows a domed round tower, marking an important axis on a network of vistas that structured the Studley Royal gardens. Until its remains were found such depictions were the only evidence for its appearance. The foundations of the building, which turned out to be much larger than predicted, were located in May by National Trust archaeologists. It was 30ft (9.6 metres) in diameter and had two concentric masonry walls, enclosing a central space thought to have held a bronze statue of the Venus de Medici; the statue was removed to the Banqueting House within a few years, and eventually sold in 1967. "The building seems to have been more Classical than Gothic," the National Trust said. "It had a domed roof, and there is evidence to suggest that there was a kitchen in its basement." Parties could have been given at the Temple, inside or outdoors, but William Aislabie tore it down in 1768 and replaced it with a square tent, the newly fashionable form of garden feature. The archaeological survey of the Studley Royal gardens has identified "a whole series of garden features not recorded in the documents at all," the National Trust said. As a result, it has been possible to redraw the map of the 18th-century gardens, for which no plan prior to 1831 exists, and identify seven distinct phases of development. A medieval boundary earthwork has also been found on the same hill as the Temple of Venus, probably for the land granted to the monks of Fountains Abbey in the 12th century.

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White Paper given cautious welcome

By FRASER NELSON

STAGECOACH, Britain's largest transport company, said yesterday that it expects no material gains from the Government's long-awaited White Paper on Transport.

Mike Kinski, its recently appointed chief executive, said he welcomed the "encouragement" from John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister, but did not expect any noticeable changes to the company's profits.

Shares of the company, which have shot up by 70 per cent in anticipation of the White Paper, slid 4 per cent to £13.30 yesterday as it returned an expected pre-tax profit of £158 million (£120 million) for the year to April 30.

This was largely achieved by Porterbrook, its rail leasing company, which generated more than 60 per cent of group operating profits.

Its bus division, which has more than 5,000 drivers and controls 16 per cent of the UK market, increased profits to £71.2 million (£67.4 million) on flat margins. The company said it has again achieved organic passenger growth of 1.6 per cent, in defiance of a 3 per cent national downturn.

The bill for laying off workers and restructuring new acquisitions dropped to £10.5 million from £12 million. Headline earnings were 48.5p (35p) per share, and the dividend rises to 12p (9p).

Brian Souter, chairman, will receive £4.4 million in dividend payments alone. Ann Gloag, his sister, will receive £3.6 million. A five-for-one share split has been proposed, due this autumn.

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Williamson named to restore Liffe fortunes

By RICHARD MILES

LIFFE, the London futures and options exchange, yesterday attempted to restore traders' confidence by naming Brian Williamson, a market veteran, as its first full-time executive chairman.

The exchange also surprised members by announcing that Daniel Hodson, chief executive for the past five years, will leave at the end of the month to pursue other interests.

Mr Hodson and Jack Wigglesworth, the former chairman, have had to field criticism from market participants unhappy that London has lost its dominance to Frankfurt in key markets.

As executive chairman with a three-year term, Mr Williamson will seek to revive the exchange's flagging fortunes by taking responsibility for strategy, electronic trading and corporate governance.

Yesterday Mr Williamson appeared to rule nothing out, including a possible tie-up with Eurex, the Frankfurt derivatives exchange and traditionally its arch-rival. This comes in the wake of the alliance between the London Stock Exchange and Deutsche Börse to develop a pan-European equities market.

He said: "My first priority is to get the message out to Liffe's customers that the exchange is ready to change. The London Stock Exchange has been very successful in getting the involvement of the serious global players. I think Liffe has got to do the same."

Mr Williamson has a long track record at the exchange. He was a founder of Liffe in the early 1980s and chairman between 1985 and 1988. He is also a former governor of the firm that owns Nasdaq, the US stock exchange.

He is giving up his chairmanship of the Gerrard Group, owner of GNI, the derivatives trader, and three other public company directorships, but intends to remain a director of the Financial Services Authority, the UK's chief regulator.

In the light of Mr Williamson's appointment, Mr Hodson said he had asked to step down from the board. Liffe said it would honour the terms of his existing contract but there would be no special pay-off. Last year he received £450,000 in pay. Liffe hopes to appoint a replacement for Mr Hodson within weeks. John Foyle, the deputy chief executive, will take the role in the interim.

Stephen Hills, of Hills Independent Traders and a Liffe board member, said: "Brian is both an insider and an outsider. I am now optimistic about the future."

The shake-up is sure to rekindle speculation as to whether Liffe will pursue a market flotation, or a merger with the London Stock Exchange. Under proposals approved by members this month, the exchange is committed to adopting a profit-oriented approach and the payment of dividends.

Its greatest challenge, however, will be to offer an electronic alternative to the open outcry system of trading by the second quarter next year. Frankfurt has stolen market share by providing a much cheaper electronic platform and remote access.

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Putting Liffe in the market: Brian Williamson has the task of reviving fortunes, possibly through a flotation or by merging with the Stock Exchange

Airtours acquires Direct Holidays for £81m

By RACHEL BRIDGE

THE THREE founders of Direct Holidays became multi-millionaires yesterday when Airtours paid £80.7 million for their Glasgow-based travel business.

John Boyle, 46, his brother Hugh, 44, and Paul Chestnut, 38, who set up Direct Holidays seven years ago, saw their combined initial investment of £2 million turn into £60 million as a result of the deal, which takes Airtours into the direct selling market.

Thirteen employees at Direct will also share a £4 million windfall - ranging from £40,000 to £250,000 each.

It is not the first fortune the Boyle brothers have made from the holiday business - in 1981 they sold Falcon Leisure to Owners Abroad for a total eventual realisation of £4.7 million.

John Boyle, who will stay on as chairman at Direct, said: "This is a very satisfactory deal for everyone involved. I think Airtours will be very happy with its investment."

Paul Chestnut and Hugh Boyle will also stay, as finance director and a Canada-based director respectively.

Selling direct to customers rather than through travel agents, Direct last year made pre-tax profits of £1.3 million on turnover of £65.6 million, up from £11.4 million five years ago.

It flies from six regional airports in the UK and has a summer-only cruise operation called Direct Cruises. This year it expects to sell 210,000 package tours and 20,000 cruises.

Tim Byrne of Airtours said: "There has been a move to direct selling in insurance and banking and if people want to book their holidays direct then we want to be there to take their bookings."

Airtours is paying for the acquisition via a vendor placing to raise £76.8 million and £3.9 million in loan notes.

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Slowdown

Weak sales of SmithKline Beecham's top-selling antibiotic and a sharp fall in sales of its Nicoderm anti-smoking patch contributed to a slowdown in earnings growth in the second quarter. SB shares fell over 4 per cent.

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Pensions

A controversial rescue package to bail out thousands of independent financial advisers struggling with the pensions mis-selling review was launched yesterday.

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Russia

The financial markets yesterday gave only a cautious welcome to the IMF bail-out of Russia.

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BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET

FTSE 100	5132.7	(-46.3)
Yield	3.3%	
FTSE All share	2887.81	(-17.36)
Nikkei	16556.09	(-14.09)
Dow Jones	9265.37	(-30.38)
S&P Composite	1181.02	(-3.08)

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 1/4%	(5 1/4%)
Long Bond	5 3/8%	(5 3/8%)
Yield	5.86%	(5.75%)

LONDON MONEY

3-month interbank	7 1/4%	(7 1/4%)
Life long bill	108.45	(108.45)
Future (Sep)		

STERLING

New York	1.6435	(1.6473)
London		
DM	1.6471	(1.6491)
DM	2.9443	(2.9312)
FF	9.8998	(9.8312)
Sfr	2.4880	(2.4763)
Yen	230.81	(228.10)
£ Index	105.1	(104.7)

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DM	1.7900	(1.7824)
FF	5.8960	(5.9730)
Sfr	1.5128	(1.5058)
Yen	140.28	(138.90)
£ Index	112.7	(112.2)

Tokyo close Yen 138.80

ASIA

Brent 15-day (Oct)	\$12.98	(\$13.75)
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London close	\$295.35	(\$294.75)
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* denotes midday trading price

Showbiz chain seeks backers

FROM ANDREW BUTCHER IN NEW YORK

PLANET HOLLYWOOD, the movie theme restaurant chain, yesterday effectively put itself up for sale.

The chain, which was co-founded by British tycoon Robert Earl, has asked Goldman Sachs and Bear Stearns to find potential financial and strategic partners. The company will also look at buying back some of its shares, which have slumped more than 70 per cent in the past year.

Wall Street analysts expect Planet Hollywood's turnover to fall about 25 per cent this year at each of its 80 restaurants around the world. The company has been urging a cast of new actors to join the ranks of established Hollywood talent, such as Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sylvester Stallone, who already promote the chain.

The actors who joined Planet Hollywood when it first opened two years ago were given share packages, and new stars are now offered share options. But the shares have fallen from a high of \$28.25 (£17) to a little more than \$6 yesterday, forcing the company to renegotiate some packages with disgruntled stars.

Brian Woods, Planet Hollywood president, has managed to make George Clooney a partner and he is in talks with others including Will Smith and Johnny Depp.

Pay-per-view TV football postponed

PREMIER LEAGUE clubs have ruled out any large-scale test of pay-per-view televising of live football this season, effectively putting back the digital TV revolution by at least another year (Jason Nisbet writes).

Earlier this summer the clubs rejected proposals by BSkyB - 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times, which would have seen many games move from Saturday to Sunday.

The door was left open for BSkyB or any other broadcaster to make fresh proposals, but the publication of fixtures and the posting of season tickets to supporters make fixture changes necessary for a test impossible.

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Gates backs out of the limelight

FROM ANDREW BUTCHER IN NEW YORK

BILL GATES, the founder of Microsoft, yesterday said he was taking a step back from the day-to-day running of the company to focus on technology and new products.

The comments came as Steve Ballmer, Microsoft's executive vice president for sales and support, was promoted to group president.

Mr Gates said Mr Ballmer's new role at the world's biggest software company would be "to concentrate on our relationship with our customers".

Mr Gates, who shared a room with Mr Ballmer at Harvard University, said: "The majority of my time will be spent with our products groups devising the technologies and products of the future."

Mr Gates assured staff he was not cutting back on his work at the group. He said: "I'm more enthusiastic about and committed to Microsoft than I've ever been."

Mr Ballmer is expected to be a key member of the Microsoft defence team in its anti-trust trial in September. Mr Ballmer, who started at Microsoft 18 years ago, said he looked forward to partnering Mr Gates "in the leadership of the company I love". As part of the management shakeup, chief operating officer and executive vice president Bob Herbold will now report directly to Mr Ballmer.

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Collision strays off course at the CBI

By CARL MORTISHED

IT WAS billed as the irresistible force meeting the immovable object. But the expected collision between the City's favourite Thatcherite and new Labour's man of industry was more like a battle of feather dusters.

Sir Clive Thompson, chief executive of Rentokil Initial, was formally crowned yesterday as President of the CBI. Welcoming him to the cosy, bureaucratic hive at Centrepoint was Adair Turner, the CBI's Director-General, a man more Blairite in complexion. It did not start well. Arriving at the stroke of 1pm, Sir Clive muttered: "Well, at least one of us is here." Mr Turner arrived in time to hear Sir Clive's effusive praise of the employers' organisation.

Sir Clive and Mr Turner made jovial work of the alleged political differences. "We will rub along fine," said the Rentokil boss.

Sir Clive, who once jokingly described unions as pests, is more worried about the government drive to regulate the employment sector, suggesting that unions were inappropriate in the service sector. Sir Clive is also worried about the economy: "We are already seeing signs of a recession in manufacturing exports."

Mr Turner was quick to respond and urged the press to wait for the CBI to publish its economic view in a fortnight: "Our overall assumption is a slowdown." The two men are *ad idem* on EMU, with Sir Clive a vocal supporter of the principle "better in than out of the club".

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Partners: Sir Clive Thompson, left, with Adair Turner

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Edward Cook, one of the American stars set to supplement the home-grown talent for Australia's first Ring cycle

Toss Wagner on the barbie

Wagner fever has gripped Australia and is unlikely to relinquish its hold for some months to come. The excitement is understandable for, in November, the State Opera of South Australia will become the first company on the continent ever to stage The Ring in its entirety...

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WORLD MUSIC A Peruvian star is born

Mothers of her Peruvian invention

WORLD MUSIC: Thanks to Ella Fitzgerald's records and David Byrne's Spanish teacher, the world has woken up to Susana Baca. Clive Davis reports

The good news in this multimedia age is that the global village cannot be quite as small as we thought. Even now there are still unexplored byways to stumble across. Out of the shadows now steps the Peruvian singer Susana Baca. Luck played its part. We might never have had a chance to savour her ethereal voice if the rock star David Byrne had not taken up Spanish lessons.

dean singer Cesaria Evora. Baca has had to wait until middle age for recognition beyond her native land. Not that she gives the impression that she was sitting around and pining for pop superstardom and stretch limos. As much an activist as a performer, she has spent much of her career studying her country's neglected African heritage.

population - smaller and less cohesive than the African presence in, say, Brazil - underplayed the musical heritage passed down from slavery. As she has explained before: "Being black meant being a slave, being lazy or having rhythm in your blood." In the country's modern mass media - dominated as elsewhere by unyielding commercial pressures - little room was left for anything that smacked of folklore.

ARTS



"Being black meant being lazy or having rhythm in your blood," says Susana Baca of her musical heritage

TOMORROW New movies reviewed

A youth far from misspent

With a second solo album still under construction more than a year after it was begun, Mark Knopfler continues to pursue the leisurely itinerary of a man who has much to savour in life and little to prove. A compilation of old Dire Straits hits is scheduled for release later this year, but it is his "other" group, the Notting Hillbillies, that continues to claim his attention in the present, just, and to foster his affection for playing live.

COUNTRY The Notting Hillbillies Ronnie Scott's

snicts in a way that was significantly more relaxed than is usually the case in the pop world. "Here's what you can do with three or four chords and a misspent youth," Knopfler said before launching into a good-natured set of heritage rock'n'roll, encompassing such standards as Roy Brown's Good Rockin' Tonight and Howlin' Wolf's Meet Me At The Bottom along with a selection of the usual traditional shouts from the Hillbilly repertoire (Run Me Down, Railroad Working) and an almost as old-sounding Water Of Love from the first Dire Straits album.

DAVID SINCLAIR

Since the world of rap and hip-hop has this year completed a neat 360-degree rotation and re-turned the Beastie Boys and Run DMC to sovereignty, perhaps it is not so fanciful to imagine a similar commercial resurrection in the funk fraternity for Bootsy Collins. Late last year, his splendid Fresh Outta TPU University album showed that the man who, along with George Clinton, wrote the book on P-funk was ready to reclaim some ground from the arrivistes who inherited their empire.

Putting the fun in funk

Collins's revue took mere seconds to remind us of the sheer frolicsome burlesque that characterised his wildest days with Funkadelic, Parliament and their myriad offshoots. The first man to appear did so by tobogganing across the stage in a kind of oven-ready outfit, and from that point on, members of Bootsy's New Rubber Band were coming at us from all angles, jumping to life like characters in a

comic book in such gloriously garish accessories as a lame waistcoat or Bacofol mître or jungle sarong. Bootsy himself entered twanging his star-shaped bass in knee-length boots and what looked like several hats, in a customised millinery skyscraper. Soon Collins was renewing his attempt to break the world elasticity record for bass-playing, as his multi-talented menagerie went through their impish paces.

PAUL SEXTON

NEW JAZZ ALBUMS

JERRY BERGONZI, JOEY CALDERAZZO, LARS DANIELSSON, JUKKIS UOTILA QUARTET Past Company (Blue Jackal BJAC 5022-2) THE BCDU Quartet comprises two Americans (tenor player Jerry Bergonzi and pianist Joey Calderazzo), plus Swedish bassist Lars Danielsson and Finnish drummer Jukkis Uotila. Scrupulously sharing composing as well as soloing duties, they produce tense, seething, passionate post-bop jazz, the perfect showcase for the hard-edged, gusty articulation of Bergonzi, the tastefully rollicking Calderazzo, the hard-driving drums of Uotila and the plunging bass of Danielsson. The powerfully rhapsodic, rapt nature of the music makes Coltrane/Tyner comparisons inevitable, but the cogency of the various compositions, and the remarkable rapport between Calderazzo and Uotila in particular, ensure that the focus of this infectious, enjoyable album is always on the musical aspirations of its eloquent practitioners.

CHICK COREA Origin Live at the Blue Note (Stretch SCD 9018-2) ORIGIN is pianist Chick Corea's new sextet, and this live album is an appetiser for a projected six-CD set documenting three nights' music at New York's Blue Note club. Corea has explored, in a 40-year career, everything from free through straight-ahead jazz to Latin-inflected fusion music, and so it is no surprise to find Origin beginning this set with free-ish group interplay, moving swiftly through both jaunty Latin-tinged bustles and more complex, dark-toned Corea originals, and concluding with the Van Heusen classic It Could Happen to You. Front-line duties fall to the contrasting reedmen Steve Wilson and Bob Sheppard, plus the engagingly earthy trombonist Steve Davis; the rhythm section - Israeli bass prodigy Avishai Cohen and the exuberant drummer Adam Cruz - knows just when to clatter and when to be discreetly propulsive. It is Corea himself, though, whether scampering through the ensembles or providing joyous solos, who is the linchpin of a superb band.

CHRIS PARKER

GREAT BRITISH HOPES Rising stars in the arts firmament: GERARD PRESENCER

Age: 25. Profession: Jazz trumpeter. Where will we have heard him lately? Just about everywhere. He has covered a huge amount of ground, from Charlie Watts's bebop quintet to US3's hit Cantelooop. Everyone wants him on their records, then? So much so that he has only just got round to making his debut under his own name. Playpuss - Sevensies fusion for the Nineties - is released on the Linn label on August 3. Wot, no Charlie Parker tunes? "It took me a while to be certain of exactly what kind of record I should make. I've also noticed that the average age of the audience at my jazz gigs has been about 60. Partly this album is aiming to reach a younger audience. But it also just reflects the music I like." So he's no purist? Absolutely not. One of the first bands he was involved in after leaving school was the Brand New Heavies. He played on lots of acid jazz recordings: "I was paid for a few and got accredited



ed for even fewer," he recalls. Do you learn anything from pop session work? "Yes. How important it is to make emotional contact with the listener in a short amount of time, even if it's only four bars. You have to be more emotive. You don't take 15 choruses." Can't too much session work affect the creative juices? True. He'll be reducing his workload when he uproots himself, his wife and their two children to Norfolk later this summer. A tutor with the

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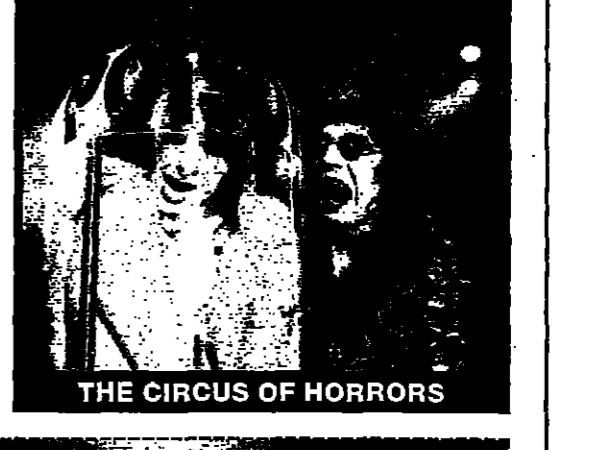
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CRICKET

Flintoff has chance to stake claim to greatness

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

WHEN Michael Slater was making his brilliant maiden Test hundred against England at Lord's five years ago, a spectator asked Ian Chappell...



Flintoff assured

underneath the massive development at the Ratcliffe Road End that encompasses a new stand, a media centre and an indoor complex...

Trent Bridge would be an apt place to start his Test career. Hollisoke did so last summer, when he became the youngest England cricketer since Brian Close in 1949...

Australia opener is first woman to score century at home of cricket



History in the making: Keightley hits out on the way to her century for Australia in the fifth one-day international match at Lord's yesterday

Keightley homes in on Lord's history

By SARAH POTTER

LORD'S (Australia won toss; Australia beat England by 114 runs)

MEN in the Long Room at Lord's are not famed for making way for women. However, after Lisa Keightley's innings yesterday...

Grand Stand, that England would not get near the formidable Australia total, proved accurate and, as in the men's games, prompted talk of managerial changes...

Southampton on Sunday, in which England opted to bat despite being without their two opening batsmen...

SCOREBOARD FROM LORD'S

Table with columns for AUSTRALIA and ENGLAND, listing batsmen, runs, and bowlers.

Irani adds power to Essex fightback

By RICHARD HOBSON

RONNIE IRANI, Essex's leading run-scorer in the A-League this season, scored 68 not out from 76 balls to set up a good contest against Warwickshire at Edgbaston last night...

Lancashire at the top, and leave Warwickshire effectively two wickets in arrears. Essex decided to bat on winning the toss and wasted little time in pushing the run rate towards five an over...

SCOREBOARD

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Lancashire aim to take advantage in absence of Waqar

By RICHARD HOBSON

WITH four successive victories, Lancashire are making their boldest attempt for 11 years to secure the Britannic Assurance Championship pennant...

They take on Glamorgan, the defending champions, at Colwyn Bay today, without three of their favoured top order, McKeown, Chilton and Wood...

He is due to fly back from Pakistan for another scan on his damaged shoulder early next week...

TABLE

Table with columns for P, W, L, D, R, B, Pts, listing team statistics.

and Shahid are likely to replace Stewart and Butcher for Surrey, who will also be without Thorpe and Salisbury.

James Middlebrook, a 21-year-old all-rounder, could make a championship debut as Yorkshire seek to balance the side in the continued absence of White...

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

Multiple columns of legal notices including 'THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986', 'NATIONAL TRANSPORT TRADING PROPERTIES LIMITED', and 'THE CENTRALISED RETIREMENT BENEFIT SCHEME FOR LONDON'.

Turf wars leave magazine on edge

Advertisement for 'EXTRA COVER' magazine featuring Steve Waugh. Text includes 'The battle for circulation among cricket magazines shows no signs of abating...' and 'Generous return Steve Waugh is a hard cricketer with a soft heart...'.

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SPORTS POLITICS

Trustees in threat to resign over FA 'hijack'

By John Goodbody

PLANS for the new national stadium at Wembley have been plunged into controversy again. A letter has been sent to the English Sports Council (ESC) by independent trustees threatening resignation because they claim that the £220 million stadium, the centrepiece of the 2006 World Cup bid and any future application for London to stage the Olympic Games, is being hijacked by the Football Association (FA).

what has been an interest-free loan of up to £120 million from the lottery. "The conversion of a 125-year lease into an outright freehold ownership would have cost the FA the sum of £1. There would be no national stadium, only the FA stadium," he said.

In a debate in the House of Commons on June 29, Gardiner pointed out that more public money would also be used at Wembley for the public transport infrastructure, new roads and other environmental improvements "which will be vital to that stadium's success". There are plans for the redevelopment of Wembley Park station, where 55 per cent of visitors arrive, and also new walkways and access routes to the stadium.

A spokesman for the ESC said: "In the event of a material breach of the grant conditions, the ESC could determine whether it was appropriate for there to be a repayment of the grant in full or whether the grant agreement should be enforced."

"In this situation, a repayment of grant could only be triggered with the consent of the ESC. In the event of a repayment, the contractual agreement with the three sports would still remain in force for 20 years."

The ESC stated that the original intention was that the project would have been designed, built and financed by the ENST. "These activities are now the responsibility of the FA. The Trust, therefore, is left in the position where it represents the nation's and ESC's interest within the proposed development structure."



Quellmalz, a judo gold medal-winner at the Atlanta Olympics, will supervise the coaching of British competitors

British revolution set in motion

John Goodbody on two new faces helping to give judo a lift

BRITISH judo underwent a revolution yesterday with the appointment of an Olympic champion from Germany and a sports scientist from Wolverhampton to head the preparation team for the 2000 Games in Sydney.

With the world championships being staged in Birmingham in October 1999, the first time the biennial event has ever been held in this country, the pair have a demanding task to increase Britain's already high level of success in the sport.

Udo Quellmalz, who won world featherweight titles in 1991 and 1995 and then the Olympic gold medal in Atlanta, will supervise the coaching...

Howey, the world lightweight champion, and Karina Bryant, who took the European heavyweight title in Oviedo in May. Until 1996, the judo team had been the most successful pro rata for the number of competitors of all British sports in the Olympics since 1972. However, no medals were won in Atlanta and with funding from the National Lottery available, this has caused a complete rethink.

SAILING

Admiral's Cup may change tack

By Edward Gorman SAILING CORRESPONDENT

ON THE eve of the Rolex Commodore's Cup, which starts with two races in the Solent today, the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) has said that it is considering changing its rules on the admission of professionals to the biennial Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup after strong protests within the sport.

The Admiral's Cup has long been considered the world championships of offshore ocean racing but has been in decline for some years. Among reforms announced by the RORC earlier this year, to encourage more three-boat teams to take part in 1999, was a stipulation that no more than half the sailors on any boat be professional.

The aim was to reduce crew wage bills and to ensure that owners themselves were on board for the racing. However, many have argued that the rule will dilute the standing of the event and, far from enhancing it, will downgrade it, making it more like the almost-entirely amateur Commodore's Cup.

Alan Green, the director of racing at the RORC, said that the Admiral's Cup management committee is consulting on changing the proportion of professionals allowed and would be making an announcement in three weeks. "Getting the balance right is always a fine judgment and the original move was made with the intention of trying to preserve some place for the genuine amateur owner and one or two of his friends," Green said.

"The new proposal is to allow more than half the crew to be professional instead of exactly half, and we have some numbers going round for consideration whereby more professionals would be allowed."

The field for the Commodore's Cup is down to nine three-boat teams, from 15 two years ago. While last time there was a plethora of British Isles-based teams, this year there are just two from England, one of which, the "Red" trio of boats, will be defending the title it won in 1996.

SPORT IN BRIEF

England slump to defeat

LACROSSE: England were defeated 11-6 by Australia to finish bottom of the premier division in the men's world championships at Baltimore.

Needling to beat Australia for a chance of third place, England, who had lost their three previous games, never got to grips with the final game - although Paul Fullerton scored twice for them.

The United States, the holders, are favourites to retain the title but Canada believe that they can upset them in the final. Japan are top of the first division, having won all their five games.

SHOOTING: Deborah Fenn, 17, a Suffolk girl at Gresham's School, Holt, Norfolk, who is a member of The Athletics, the international junior rifle team that will be going to Canada after the Bisley meeting, yesterday won the Printrite Young Rifleman's Aggregate Trophy at Bisley. She scored a total of 174.27 points - including 49.6 in The Times Cup the previous day.

ROWING: Great Britain will be represented in ten events at the Nations Cup (the world under-23 championships) this weekend in Ioannina, Greece. Spearheading the women's team is Sarah Wats, who will be looking to improve on her fourth place in the lightweight single sculls last year in Milan.

BOXING: Paul Ingle, the Commonwealth featherweight champion, will appear in front of his home crowd in Scarborough for the first time as a professional when he meets Rakhim Mingleev, of the International Boxing Organisation super-bantamweight title on Saturday August 8.

TENNIS

Becker in top gear for Mercedes Cup

BORIS BECKER had a point to prove yesterday and did it in style. The 30-year-old German went through to the second round of the Mercedes Cup in Stuttgart with a 6-1, 7-5 victory over Andre Gaudenzi, of Italy. With temperatures on court reaching more than 40C, Becker won the first set in just 26 minutes. He attacked the net constantly and, 47 minutes later, converted match point.

defensive and did not let him play his game. He has good returns, but he could not react to my shots. It was an impressive victory, coming as it did against a renowned clay-court player ranked 46 places higher at No 35 in the world, and maintained the good form Becker showed in reaching the final of the Swiss Open in Gstaad two weeks ago.

Petchey well beaten

MARK PETCHEY and Danny Sapsford both lost in the first round of the Northern Electric Open in Newcastle yesterday. Petchey, the British No 5, was beaten in straight sets by Andrei Cherkasov, the tournament's No 8 seed. Petchey won just four games, a setback that may hasten his expected decision to retire from the world circuit later this month.

Heidi Farr, of Surrey, came close to recording an upset in the second round of the under-16 European championships at Queenswood School, Hatfield, yesterday. Farr came within two points of beating Eleni Danilidou, the No 2 seed from Greece, but finally capitulated 7-2 in the tie-break of the deciding set, losing 4-6, 6-1, 7-6.

CRICKET

Monday's late scoreboards

Table with cricket scores for Lancashire v Worcestershire, including runs, wickets, and overs.

Table with cricket scores for Lancashire v Warwickshire, including runs, wickets, and overs.

Table with cricket scores for Sussex v Middlesex, including runs, wickets, and overs.

BOWLING

Table with bowling statistics for various matches, including names, overs, and runs conceded.

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FOR THE RECORD

Table with various sports records and statistics.

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CYCLING

Table with cycling race results and statistics.

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FOOTBALL

Table with football match results and statistics.

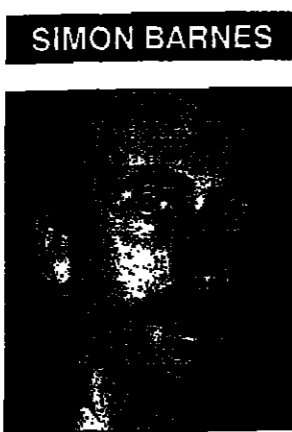
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Fortune favours brave youth

A wild yell escaped me. Only audible about three fields away...



Simon Barnes

Midweek View: patriotism of age. I should have been cheering for the old fellow...

generation, but nothing will beat the magic of the meadow-pipit...

certain that he will play, that he has been picked for the experience...

with a ball welded in temper. In cricket he would have been called for years for this...

A res des on Penny Lane

Birthplace of the Beatles BBC2, 8.00pm

A programme from the One Foot in the Past team features the latest addition to the properties of the National Trust...



The Beatles (1965), featured in tonight's One Foot in the Past (BBC2)

clear that the plane had been wrecked by a bomb. It seems that Pan-Am flight 103 was unlucky...

Amongst Women BBC2, 9.30pm

The second episode of the Irish family drama introduces an element absent from the first...

Black Box Channel 4, 9.00pm

The series about air crash investigations turns to disasters which were caused deliberately...

TENNIS: GRASS ROOTS BEGIN TO FLOURISH AFTER EARLY-MORNING DOWNPOUR



After the flood, play gets under way yesterday in the County Cup at Felbstowe, featuring players from the lowest rungs of the ladder

Counties count their blessings

By JULIAN MUSCAT TENNIS CORRESPONDENT THE usual greeting of frenzied grunts and groans was strangely absent...

he later put it, failed to arrest the early-morning downpour in time for an 11am start...

rungs on the county ladder. The tennis club's skyline was dominated by a huge convalescent home...

s among competitors was firmly on youth. Those in line with Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) hawks...

world renown. This woefully unsuccessful project remains the biggest sore on the skin of British sport...

RESULTS table with columns for Men, Women, and various county matches

TODAY'S FIXTURES table with columns for Cricket and Football

WORD-WATCHING: Answers from page 40 ORGAN OF CORTI (b) Part of the car, contained in the cockpit...

Mothers and Sons Radio 4, 9am The Sony Radio Awards do not yet have a category called Bravest Public Exposure...

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Rural Lives Radio 4, 11.02am This series brings the kind of historical perspective to rural life that is often lacking...

RADIO 3, RADIO 4, RADIO 5 schedules

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